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JOURNAL.

The ninety-fifth General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts convened at the State House in Boston, on the first Wednesday in January, being the seventh day thereof, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and of the independence of the United States of America the ninety-eighth. And the members-elect of the House of Representatives having assembled in the Representatives' chamber, were called to order at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Mr. Addison Gilbert of Gloucester, the senior member present. Preliminary organization.

By request of the presiding officer, prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. J. Sanger of Danvers, a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to inform the Secretary of the Commonwealth that the House has been called to order.

And Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Billings of Sharon, Adams of Waltham, Cummings of Woburn and Murray of Pittsfield, were appointed the committee.

Thereupon, the Secretary transmitted to the House a list of all the persons returned as representatives, with the original certificates of their election, which had been returned to his office.

On motion of Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to collect the certificates of election held by the members elect, and ascertain whether a quorum of the House is present.

And Messrs. Chisholm of New Bedford, Fletcher of Chelsea, Haskins of Fitchburg, Judd of Lee, Osgood of Salem, and Phelps of Springfield, were appointed the committee.

Afterwards, Mr. Chisholm of the committee reported that a quorum is present.

Organization.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to wait upon the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of the House is assembled, and that the members are ready to be qualified.

And Messrs. Codman of Boston, Hayes of Medford, Sanger of Danvers, Smith of Cambridge, Porter of Beverly, and Lamb of Greenfield, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Codman, from the committee, afterwards reported that they had waited upon the Governor, and that he would forthwith attend upon the House.

Oaths administered.

And soon afterwards, His Excellency the Governor, with the Lieutenant-Governor, the Council and the Secretary of the Commonwealth came in, and the oaths and affirmations required by the Constitution and the laws were administered by His Excellency to the members present, and subscribed by them; after which the Governor, with the Lieutenant-Governor, the Council and the Secretary, withdrew.

Subsequently, several members who had not been qualified presented themselves, and were accompanied to the Council chamber by committees appointed for the purpose, and having been qualified, took their seats.

Speaker elected.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill,—

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Speaker.

And Messrs. Blunt, Frost of Boston, Sprague of Framingham, Cummings of Somerville, Fitz of Chelsea, and Noble of Westfield, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Blunt, from the committee afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes,	227
John E. Sanford of Taunton,	227

And Mr. Sanford having been elected, declaration was made accordingly, and the Speaker was conducted to the chair by a committee consisting of Messrs. Hale of Boston and Fairbanks of Fall River.

Clerk elected.

On motion of Mr. Heath of Boston,—

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Clerk.

And Messrs. Heath, Wellington of Worcester, Blood of Lowell, Goodspeed of Barnstable, McCleave of Nantucket, and Coveney of Cambridge, were appointed.

Mr. Heath, from the committee afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes,	234
Necessary for a choice,	118
W. S. Robinson of Malden,	1
E. P. Loring of Fitchburg,	22
Benj. C. Dean of Lowell,	68
George A. Marden of Lowell,	143

And Mr. Marden, having been elected, was conducted to the Council chamber by a committee consisting of Mr. Fitz of Chelsea.

And having been qualified by taking the oaths required, report was made accordingly to the House, and the Clerk entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Attest: CHAS. H. TAYLOR,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

A message was received from the Senate announcing that that branch had been organized by the choice of Hon. George B. Loring of the Second Essex district as President, and Mr. Stephen N. Gifford, of Duxbury, as Clerk. Senate organized.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester,—

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to inform the Senate that the House has been organized by the election of a Speaker and Clerk. Senate notified.

And Messrs. Gilbert, Wilson of Boston, Buffum of Lynn, Dickinson of Amherst, and Moore of Concord, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Gilbert, from the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to this duty.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Boston,—

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to inform the Governor and Council that the House has been organized by the election of a Speaker and Clerk. Governor notified.

And Messrs. Granger, Adams of Waltham, Morten of Boston, Wellington of Worcester, and Rankin of Boston, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Granger, from the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to that duty.

Hour of meet-
ing.

On motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

Drawing of
seats.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston,—
Ordered, That to-morrow at a quarter past 11 o'clock, A. M., be assigned for the drawing of seats.

Election of
Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Danvers,—
Ordered, That to-morrow at half-past 11 o'clock, A. M., be assigned for the election of Chaplain.

Sergeant-at-
Arms.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston,—
Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Sergeant-at-Arms.

And Messrs. Bigelow, Lovering of Lynn, Savage of Taunton, Sawtelle of New Bedford, Studley of Boston, and Britton of Wakefield, were appointed.

Mr. Bigelow, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes,	224
Necessary for a choice,	113
John Morrissey of Plymouth,	207
William R. Black of Taunton,	17

And Mr. Morrissey was declared elected on the part of the House.

A message was received from the Senate announcing that John Morrissey had been elected Sergeant-at-Arms on the part of that branch.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston,—
Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to notify the Senate that John Morrissey had been elected Sergeant-at-Arms on the part of the House.

Messrs. Sprague of Framingham, Wiley of Boston, and Haskins of Somerville were appointed the committee, and attended to the duty.

Rules and
orders.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint rules and orders of the two branches of last year be observed until otherwise ordered.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Banks, Bacon and Washburn of the Senate, and Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Hale of Boston,

Phillips of Salem, Codman of Boston, Adams of Quincy, Fitzgerald of Boston, Blunt of Haverhill, Mason of Plymouth, and Crocker of Boston, of the House, be appointed to prepare rules and orders for the government of the two branches.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the rules and orders of the last House be adopted for the government of this House until otherwise ordered. Also,

Ordered, That the members of the joint committee on rules and orders, on the part of the House, prepare rules and orders for the government of the House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor, and Attorney-General, be referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Wardwell, Gatchell and Edson, of the Senate, and Messrs. Murray of Pittsfield, Cushing of Hingham, Mayhew of Tisbury, Judd of Lee, Bosworth of Taunton, Carleton of Haverhill, Moors of Greenfield, Smith of Granville, and Bassett of Easthampton, of the House.

Votes for Governor, etc.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the returns of votes for Councillors in the several councillor districts of the Commonwealth be referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Aiken, Fitz and Lane, of the Senate, and Messrs. Fairbanks of Fall River, Porter of Beverly, Currier of Newburyport, Mayhew of Charlemont, Shaw of Springfield, Davis of Ware, Cummings of Woburn, Parker of New Bedford, and Fisher of Franklin, of the House.

Votes for Councillors.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee consisting of Messrs. Verry, Toland and Hurlbut, of the Senate, and Messrs. Sanger of Danvers, Field of Leominster, Shattuck of Boston, Winslow of Worcester, and Derby of Boston, of the House, be appointed to wait upon the Governor and Council, and inform them that the two branches are now ready to join them in attendance upon public worship.

Public worship

Afterwards, Mr. Sanger from the committee, reported that they had attended to that duty, and that the Governor had desired the committee to inform the House that he

would join them, in company with the Council, in attendance upon public worship.

Whereupon, the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 8, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Moors of Greenfield, a member of the House.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Reading of the
Journal.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Boston,—

Ordered, That hereafter the reading of the journal of the House be dispensed with, unless otherwise ordered.

Daily papers.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester,—

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House be directed to procure for the use of the House two copies each of the Boston, Springfield and Worcester morning papers, one copy each of the Boston evening papers, and one daily paper from each other city of the Commonwealth where a daily paper is published; the same to be filed and placed in the room adjoining the post-office.

Drawing of
seats.

Mr. Jones of Boston offered the following order:—

Ordered, That before the House proceeds to draw seats for its members, Messrs. Gilbert of Gloucester, Kimball of Boston, and Buffum of Lynn, be invited to select such seats for themselves as they may desire.

On motion of Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, the above order was amended by inserting the name of Mr. Wheaton of Rehoboth, after the words "Kimball of Boston."

On motion of Mr. Cushing of Hingham, the name of Mr. Stearns of Stoughton, was also included in the order.

On his own motion, the name of Mr. Kimball of Boston was stricken from the order.

The order, as amended, was then rejected.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, amended on motion of Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, it was ordered that Messrs. Wheaton of Rehoboth, and Gilbert of Gloucester, be allowed to select seats before the drawing began.

Mr. Shaw of Boston called for the special assignment of drawing of seats, and Messrs. Shaw and Jones of Bos-

ton were appointed a committee to superintend the drawing.

The roll was called, and the seats were assigned by lot.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Danvers, the special assignment of balloting for Chaplain was taken up; and Messrs. Wilson of Boston, Bosworth of Taunton, Murray of Pittsfield, Howes of Dennis, Pope of Boston, and Shaw of Springfield, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes,	. . . . .	194
Necessary for a choice,	. . . . .	98
C. W. Biddle has	. . . . .	1
J. F. Moore,	. . . . .	1
Elias Nason,	. . . . .	1
J. Henry Read,	. . . . .	1
Rev. S. R. Dennen,	. . . . .	39
Rev. R. G. Seymour,	. . . . .	151

And Rev. Mr. Seymour was elected, and declaration made accordingly.

The report of the joint special committee on the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and other state officers, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence, as follows :—

For Governor.

William B. Washburn of Greenfield,	. . . . .	72,183
William Gaston of Boston,	. . . . .	59,360
Henry K. Oliver of Salem,	. . . . .	391
Benj. F. Butler,	. . . . .	181
Nathaniel Bartlett,	. . . . .	113
All others,	. . . . .	105

For Lieutenant-Governor.

Thomas Talbot of Billerica,	. . . . .	77,792
William L. Smith of Springfield,	. . . . .	55,136
Oliver A. Brown of Adams,	. . . . .	360
Eliphalet Trask,	. . . . .	14
All others,	. . . . .	40

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Oliver Warner of Northampton, . . .	79,514
Benj. F. Wells of Williamstown, . . .	52,726
Geo. S. Ball of Upton, . . .	14
Benj. F. Williams of Williamstown, . . .	64
All others, . . .	24

For Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Charles Adams, Jr., of North Brookfield, . .	78,231
Nathan Clark of Lynn, . . .	54,655
N. W. Stoddard of North Bridgewater, . .	289
All others, . . .	36

For Auditor.

Charles Endicott of Canton, . . .	78,266
C. Osgood Morse of Newburyport, . . .	52,949
Waldo Colburn of Dedham, . . .	1,630
Henry B. Maglathlin of Duxbury, . . .	344
Charles Adams, Jr., of Northampton, . .	25
All others, . . .	38

For Attorney-General.

Charles R. Train of Boston, . . .	77,986
Waldo Colburn of Dedham, . . .	53,199
C. Osgood Morse of Newburyport, . . .	1,614
Charles Cowley of Lowell, . . .	362
All others, . . .	68

And the following named persons appear by the returns to be duly elected :—

Governor.—William B. Washburn of Greenfield.

Lieutenant-Governor.—Thomas Talbot of Billerica.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.—Oliver Warner of Northampton.

Treasurer and Receiver-General.—Charles Adams, Jr., of North Brookfield.

Auditor.—Charles Endicott of Canton.

Attorney-General.—Charles R. Train of Boston.

Votes for Coun-
cillors.

The report of the joint committee on the votes for Councillors was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence, and it appeared from the said report that the following named gentlemen were elected in their respective districts, to wit :

- District No. 1. Alfred Macy of Nantucket.
 “ 2. Seth Turner of Randolph.
 “ 3. Milo Hildreth of Northborough.
 “ 4. Rufus S. Frost of Chelsea.
 “ 5. Daniel H. Stickney of Groveland.
 “ 6. George O. Brastow of Somerville.
 “ 7. George Whitney of Royalston.
 “ 8. Elisha H. Brewster of Worthington.

Ordered, In concurrence, that Messrs. Bacon, Lovering and Parmenter of the Senate, and Messrs. Lincoln of Boston, Dickinson of Amherst, Adams of Quincy, Lamb of Greenfield, Gilbert of Gloucester, Goodspeed of Barnstable, Buffum of Lynn, Morss of Newburyport, and Wellington of Worcester, of the House, be appointed a committee to inform the Hon. William B. Washburn that he has been elected, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the Legislature will be ready to attend upon him in taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the office at such hour as may suit his convenience.

Governor and
Lieut.-Governor
qualified.

Also to inform the Hon. Thomas Talbot that he has been duly elected Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the Legislature will attend upon him in taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the office at such hour as may suit his convenience.

Mr. Lincoln, from the committee, afterwards reported that the committee had waited upon the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect, and that they had signified their acceptance of the office, and their readiness to be qualified at the earliest convenience of the two branches.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the Clerk was charged with a message to the Senate to propose a joint convention forthwith, for the purpose of administering the oaths to the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect.

And a message was afterwards received from the Senate, announcing the concurrence of that branch in this proposition.

The Senate then came in, and its President took the

chair, and the two branches being in convention, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Stone and Aiken of the Senate, and Messrs. Hale of Boston, Phillips of Salem, Codman of Boston, Slade of Somerset, and Moors of Greenfield, of the House, was appointed to wait upon the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect, and inform them that the two branches are now in joint convention and are ready to attend to the administration of the oaths of office.

And the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect came in, accompanied by various civil and military officers of the Commonwealth.

The oaths and affirmations of office were then, in the presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, administered to and subscribed by Hon. William B. Washburn, as Governor, and Hon. Thomas Talbot, as Lieutenant-Governor, and proclamation thereof was made by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

His Excellency the Governor then delivered an address to the Senators and Representatives.

After which the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor withdrew, the convention was dissolved, and the Senate withdrew to its Chamber.

Hour of meeting.

Mr. Crocker of Boston, offered the following order:—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns it be to meet at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

On motion of Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, the order was so amended as to read that the hour of meeting should hereafter be at 2 o'clock, P. M., except on Saturdays.

Printing of the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Derby of Boston,—
Ordered, That the Clerk be authorized to begin the printing of the Journal of the House, and that five hundred copies of the same be printed.

Councillors qualified.

Ordered, In concurrence, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to the Governor that Messrs. Alfred Macy, Seth Turner, Milo Hildreth, Rufus S. Frost, Daniel H. Stickney, George O. Brastow, George Whitney and E. H. Brewster have been duly elected and qualified as Councillors to advise him in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

Subsequently, a communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, which was read, informing the House that he had notified the Councillors elect of

their election; and that they had accepted their respective trusts, and were ready to be qualified.

A message was received from the Senate proposing a joint convention forthwith, for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the Councillors elect.

The proposition for a convention was concurred in, and the Clerk was charged with a message to the Senate to that effect.

The Senate then came in, and its President took the Chair, and the two branches being in convention, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Hawes and Reed of the Senate, and Messrs. Crocker of Boston, Winslow of Worcester, Stearns of Boston, Robinson of Falmouth, and Adams of Waltham, of the House, was appointed to wait upon the Councillors elect, and inform them that the two Houses are in joint convention for the purpose of administering the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them for office.

Soon afterwards, the Councillors elect, Messrs. Alfred Macy, Seth Turner, Milo Hildreth, Rufus S. Frost, Daniel H. Stickney, George O. Brastow, George Whitney and E. H. Brewster came in, and in the presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, the oaths were taken and subscribed by them, and declaration made accordingly.

The convention was then dissolved, and the Senate returned to its chamber.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the Speaker issue a precept giving notice of the vacancy occasioned by the death of James Parker, who was elected a member of the House of Representatives from the Third Hampden district, and appointing a time for an election to fill the same. James Parker
precept.

Ordered, In concurrence, that Messrs. French, Norcross and Lathrop of the Senate, and Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Adams of Quincy, Codman of Boston, Blunt of Haverhill, Mason of Plymouth, Fairbanks of Fall River, Loring of Fitchburg, Cummings of Woburn, and Dunham of Pittsfield of the House, be appointed a committee to consider and report what disposition shall be made of the several portions of the Governor's Address. Reference of
Governor's
Address.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 9, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Seymour having accepted the office of Chaplain, appeared, and prayer was offered by him.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Danvers,—

Election sermon.

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to present the thanks of the House to the Rev. R. G. Greene of Springfield, for his very able and eloquent discourse before the executive and legislative branches of the government, on the 7th inst., and to request a copy of the same for publication.

Messrs. Sanger, Moors of Greenfield, and Fiske of Needham, were appointed the committee.

Rules and orders.

The report of the joint special committee on joint rules and orders, recommending the adoption of the rules and orders of last year, came down from the Senate as accepted, and on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, was committed to the committee, the House having non-concurred in the acceptance.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 10, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Joint rules and orders.

Mr. Hale of Boston, from the joint special committee appointed to prepare joint rules and orders for the government of the two branches, reported a series of twenty-one rules as the joint rules and orders for the present year, being substantially the same as those of last year with the addition of a new rule, to be known as Rule No. 5, which is as follows :—

"Rule 5. If any part of the report of a committee over the signature of the chairman or members of the committee is amended in either branch, the Clerk of that branch shall endorse upon the report such amendment."

The report of the committee was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Standing committees of the House.

The Speaker appointed the standing committees of the House, as follows :—

On the Judiciary.—Messrs. Codman of Boston, Adams of Quincy, John E. Fitzgerald of Boston, Mason of Plymouth, Loring of Fitchburg, Olney of Boston, and Robinson of Chicopee.

On Matters of Probate and Chancery.—Messrs. Robinson of Newton, Keith of Abington, Clark of Boston, Knox of Lawrence, Osgood of Salem, Davis of Ware, and Dacey of Boston.

On Finance.—Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Murray of Pittsfield, Jenkins of Abington, Sawtelle of New Bedford, Stearns of Boston, Cushing of Cambridge, and Loud of Winchendon.

On Elections.—Messrs. Judd of Lee, Bonner of Boston, Merritt of Scituate, Billings of Hatfield, Hurlbut of Bolton, Seymour of Granville, and Hollis of Braintree.

On Bills in the Third Reading.—Messrs. Crocker of Boston, Nelson of Stow, Buxton of Boston, Clark of Wilbraham, Pratt of Mansfield, Carr of Ashby, and Hughes of Boston.

On Engrossed Bills.—Messrs. Fiske of Needham, Manny of Winchester, Collins of Boston, Johnson of Bradford, Gates of Pelham, McCowan of Fall River, and Johnson of Nahant.

On County Estimates.—Messrs. Gilbert of Gloucester, Wheaton of Rehoboth, Stearns of Stoughton, Smith of Granville, Alden of Ashland, Montague of Sunderland, and Blaney of Peabody.

On the Pay-Roll.—Messrs. T. F. Fitz Gerald of Boston, Gibson of New Marlborough, Hull of Ipswich, Hall of Dracut, Curtis of Marlborough, Tewksbury of Boston, and Smith of Blackstone.

On Leave of Absence.—Messrs. Seaver of Boston, Wright of Acton, Killam of Hanover, Eaton of Salisbury, Kingsley of Boston, Athy of Worcester, and Haskell of Marblehead.

On Public Buildings.—Messrs. Hall of Upton, Wells of Boston, Kimball of Holliston, Roundy of Lynnfield, Lyon of Wales, Couch of Lawrence, and Hill of Lowell.

On Printing.—Messrs. Morss of Newburyport, Sweeney of Boston, Reade of Milford, Butterworth of Brookfield, Lombard of Eastham, Jones of Deerfield, and Smith of Dartmouth.

In concurrence, the joint standing committees were appointed as follows:—

Joint standing
committees.

On Agriculture.—Messrs. Dwelley and Edson, of the Senate; and Messrs. Moore of Concord, Mayhew of Tisbury, Low of Essex, Sibley of Auburn, and Boise of Blandford, of the House.

On Banks and Banking.—Messrs. Stickney and French, of the Senate; and Messrs. Cummings of Woburn, Banister of Worcester, Tyler of Lowell, Stebbins of Chelsea, and Phillips of Springfield, of the House.

On Claims.—Messrs. Johnson and Reed, of the Senate; and Messrs. Lewis of Fairhaven, Gates of Groton, Bassett of Easthampton, Smalley of Harwich, and Cummings of Somerville, of the House.

On Education.—Messrs. Washburn and Hawes, of the Senate; and Messrs. Sanger of Danvers, Field of Leominster, Billings of Sharon, Moors of Greenfield, and House of North Bridgewater, of the House.

On Federal Relations.—Messrs. Norcross and Lathrop, of the Senate; and Messrs. Smith of Cambridge, McCleave of Nantucket, Morton of Boston, Sawin of Gardner, and Abbott of Sutton, of the House.

On the Fisheries.—Messrs. Nye and Fitz, of the Senate; and Messrs. Howes of Dennis, Shortle of Provincetown, Giles of Rockport, Savery of Wareham, and Bosworth of Taunton, of the House.

On Harbors.—Messrs. Washburn, Nye and Hayes, of the Senate; and Messrs. Fitz of Chelsea, Sprague of Framingham, Cushing of Hingham, Endicott of Dedham, Perkins of Boston, Thurston of Cambridge, Little of Westport, and Robinson of Falmouth, of the House.

On the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.—Messrs. Verry, Bacon and Fuller, of the Senate; and Messrs. Granger of Boston, Fletcher of Chelsea, Southworth of Williamstown, Estabrook of Worcester, Nutting of Northampton, Sleeper of Malden, Adams of Waltham, and Rankin of Boston, of the House.

On Horse Railways.—Messrs. French, Baird and Parmenter, of the Senate; and Messrs. Palmer of Boston, Heath of Boston, Winslow of Worcester, Davis of Cambridge, Shaw of Springfield, Parker of New Bedford, Fairbanks of Natick, and Bell of Salem, of the House.

On the Library.—Messrs. Banks, Parmenter and Edson, of the Senate; and Messrs. Shattuck of Boston, Taft of Uxbridge, and Goss of Melrose, of the House.

On Insurance.—Messrs. Lathrop and White, of the

Senate; and Messrs. Dunham of Pittsfield, Tarr of Gloucester, Rice of Barre, Parker of Methuen, and Pope of Boston, of the House.

On Manufactures.—Messrs. Lovering and Salmon, of the Senate; and Messrs. Loring of Duxbury, Lewis of Walpole, Jones of Spencer, Reed of Weymouth; and Eaton of Medway, of the House.

On Mercantile Affairs.—Messrs. Hayes, Hawes and Banister, of the Senate; and Messrs. Bigelow of Boston, Phelps of Springfield, Knight of Boston, Bishop of Newton, Noyes of North Bridgewater, Hull of Stockbridge, Cheney of Orange, and Bailey of Georgetown, of the House.

On Military Affairs.—Messrs. Banks and Reed, of the Senate; and Messrs. Porter of Beverly, Derby of Boston, Coveney of Cambridge, Richardson of Lowell, and Savage of Taunton, of the House.

On Parishes and Religious Societies.—Messrs. Bancroft and Hurlbut, of the Senate; and Messrs. Whiting of Pembroke, Cushman of Raynham, Smith of Rutland, Howard of West Bridgewater, and Hallett of Chatham, of the House.

On Prisons.—Messrs. Nye, Carpenter and Mason, of the Senate; and Messrs. Jones of Boston, Tyler of North Brookfield, Frost of Boston, Chapman of New Bedford, Blinn of Lexington, White of Hinsdale, Hill of Boston, and Pratt of Grafton, of the House.

On Public Charitable Institutions.—Messrs. Stone and Toland, of the Senate; and Messrs. Lincoln of Boston, Goodspeed of Barnstable, Cole of Cheshire, Slade of Somerset, and Carleton of Haverhill, of the House.

On Public Lands.—Messrs. Gatchell and Ingalls, of the Senate; and Messrs. Shaw of Middleborough, Gove of Randolph, Woods of Boylston, Haynes of Berlin, and Boutwell of Andover, of the House.

On Railways.—Messrs. Carpenter, Bacon and White, of the Senate; and Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Fairbanks of Fall River, Blunt of Haverhill, Chisholm of New Bedford, Wellington of Worcester, Johnson of Lowell, Orcutt of Cummington, and Williams of Brookline, of the House.

On Roads and Bridges.—Messrs. Wardwell and Bancroft, of the Senate; and Messrs. Shaw of Boston, Gates of Worcester, Robinson of Sandwich, Higginbottom of Holyoke, and Lucas of Carver, of the House.

On the State House.—Messrs. Banister and Poland, of the Senate; and Messrs. Wiley of Boston, Clatur of Boston, Newhall of Lynn, Blood of Lowell, and Gleason of Watertown, of the House.

On Towns.—Messrs. Jacobs and Wardwell, of the Senate; and Messrs. Hayes of Medford, Mason of Boston, Ginnodo of Attleborough, Rich of Royalston, and Mayhew of Charlemont, of the House.

On Water Supply and Drainage.—Messrs. Leonard, Batcheller and Lovering, of the Senate; and Messrs. Wilson of Boston, Currier of Newburyport, Studley of Boston, Britton of Wakefield, Barry of Boston, Gay of Chelmsford, Orcutt of Hardwick, and Haskins of Somerville, of the House.

Committees on
Governor's
Address.

In concurrence, the following committees were appointed on subjects brought to the attention of the Legislature by the Governor in his Address:—

On the Labor Question.—Messrs. Bailey, Banks and Baird, of the Senate; and Messrs. Buffum of Lynn, Hutchinson of Boston, Fisher of Franklin, McNutt of Boston, Davol of Fall River, Howes of Reading, and Rogers of Weymouth, of the House.

On the Liquor Law.—Messrs. Merrill, Stone and Hurlbut, of the Senate; and Messrs. Hill of Beverly, Crocker of Boston, Fiske of Needham, Boynton of Westborough, Bartholmesz of Boston, Harris of Wrentham, Kelley of Newburyport, and Washburn of Lakeville, of the House.

On the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads.—Messrs. Learned, Lane and Bailey, of the Senate; and Messrs. Hale of Boston, Dickinson of Amherst, Lamb of Greenfield, Brown of Marblehead, Noble of Westfield, Hodges of Oxford, Brayton of Adams, and Haskins of Fitchburg, of the House.

Monitors.

The monitors were appointed as follows:—

First Division.—Messrs. Connell of Boston and Adams of Waltham.

Second Division.—Messrs. Gleason of Watertown and Wright of Great Barrington.

Third Division.—Messrs. Robinson of Falmouth and Haskell of Marblehead.

Fourth Division.—Messrs. Blood of Lowell and Hughes of Boston.

Fifth Division.—Messrs. Boise of Blandford and Tewksbury of Boston.

Sixth Division.—Messrs. Eldridge of Conway and Williams of Douglas.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth be requested to furnish a list of the applications to the General Court, filed in his office, under chapter 2, of the General Statutes, and that the same be printed. Applications to the General Court.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches cause to be printed and bound in suitable form, two thousand five hundred copies of the rules and orders of the two branches, with lists of the several standing and special committees, together with such other matter as may be considered practicable, in a legislative manual. Printing of the Manual.

Mr. Fisher of Franklin, offered the following order:—

Ordered, that the Clerks of the two branches cause to be prepared a list of the committees, in suitable memorandum form, for the use of the members of the Legislature. Committee lists.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the order was so amended as to limit the number of copies to three hundred and fifty.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Address as refers to the subject of finance, be referred to the committee on Finance. Finance.

Petitions Presented.

Mr. Lamb of Greenfield presented the petition of Charles A. Perry of Shutesbury claiming the seat in the House occupied by Albert Montague of Sunderland; Mr. Dacey of Boston, the petition of Thomas J. Anderson for the seat occupied by John Tewksbury; Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the petition of Charles M. Brown of Salisbury, for a seat as representative from the first Essex district, and also the petition of Henry D. Lay, for a seat as representative from the same district; which were severally referred to the committee on Elections. Contested seats.

Mr. Smith of Cambridge, the petition of the Mayor of Cambridge, for an amendment of the Grade Act; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Cambridge—Grade Act.

Mr. Perkins of Boston, the petition of the City of Bos- Voting lists.

ton, for a change in the mode of preparing the voting lists; which was referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston,—

State police.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending or repealing chapter 394 of the Acts of 1871, being an act concerning the state police.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 12, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Abbott of Watertown.

Tewksbury
Almshouse.
Primary School
at Monson.
Bridgewater
Workhouse.

The estimates of expenses for the support of the state almshouse at Tewksbury, the state primary school at Monson, and the state workhouse at Bridgewater, were received from the superintendents of those institutions, and were severally referred to the committee on Finance.

New state
prison.

The report of the commissioners for locating and building a state prison was received and referred to the committee on Finance.

Papers from the Senate.

Massachusetts
Central R. R.

A bill to extend the time for locating, and changing the place of the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Central Railroad was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Equitable Life
Assurance Co.

The bill to authorize the Equitable Life Assurance Company to hold real estate, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance.

Middlesex Rail
road Co.

The petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company, for authority to extend their tracks and to use the "circuit," so called, in the city of Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

Petitions Presented.

Army register
and national
battle-flags.

By Mr. Higginbottom of Holyoke, the petition of E. W. Chapin and 40 others of Holyoke, asking that the "Sumner Resolution" be rescinded; referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, the petition of the "Old South Society" in Boston, for a change in its Act of incorporation; referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Old South Society.

By Mr. Lincoln of Boston, the petition of the Boston Safe Deposit Company, for amendment of its charter; referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Boston Safe Deposit Co.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, the petition of Horace Haskins and 81 others of Somerville, for the annexation of that city to Boston; referred to the committee on Towns. Annexation of Somerville to Boston.

By Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, the petition of Jarvis R. Nickerson and others, for leave to build a wharf in Barnstable; referred to the committee on Harbors. Jarvis R. Nickerson.

By the same gentleman, a similar petition of N. H. Bearse and others; which was referred to the same committee. N. H. Bearse.

By the same gentleman, the petition of John T. Hall and others for a change in the law in relation to shooting and killing ducks; referred to the committee on Agriculture. Ducks.

By Mr. Tyler of Lowell, the petition of the residents of that portion of Chelmsford known as Middlesex Village, for annexation to Lowell; referred to the committee on Towns. Annexation of Chelmsford to Lowell.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Seaver of Boston, the petition of Joseph Robbins and others in favor of J. K. Lunt; which was referred to the committee on Elections. Joseph Robbins.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, the petition of Wm. Cogswell, mayor of Salem, for authority for the trustees of the Salem Water Loan Sinking Fund to invest in certain bonds; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Salem water loan sinking fund.

By Mr. Morton of Boston, the petition of John I. Monroe for the seat as representative for the 22d Middlesex district; which was referred to the committee on Elections. John I. Monroe.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, the petition of James S. Hutchinson and others for incorporation as the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Lawrence; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Lawrence.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Shaw of Boston, a bill to amend chapter 165 of the Acts of 1861, relative to appropriations of money for certain purposes. Appropriations of money by cities.

Poor debtors.

By Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, a bill relative to the arrest and discharge of poor debtors.

Municipal court of South Boston.

By Mr. Wilson of Boston, a bill to establish the Municipal Court of South Boston.

These bills were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Insurance commissioner's report.

A communication was received from the Insurance Commissioner, asking further time for making the report required by chapter 45 of the Resolves of 1873.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Insurance Commissioner be allowed further time, as requested.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Committee advertising for 1873.

Ordered, That the Auditor of the Commonwealth be requested to report to the House the amount paid for advertising for committees of the last Legislature, stating in detail the sum paid each paper on account of the several committees.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston,—

Bank commissioner's report.

Ordered, That the report of the Commissioner of Banks, published last year, be referred to the committee on Banks and Banking, with instructions to report what legislative action, if any, is required to meet the suggestions it contains.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Boston,—

Criminal business of Suffolk County.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the necessity of making provision for the more speedy and convenient transaction of criminal business in Suffolk County.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Appropriation bills.

Ordered, That the committee on Finance be authorized to report from time to time such appropriation bills as they may deem necessary, and also to employ clerical assistance.

James H. Look.

On motion of Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, the petition of James H. Look was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Claims, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Waltham,—

Sidewalks.

Ordered, That the Judiciary committee consider the expediency of amending chapter 303 of the Acts of 1872, so that its provisions may apply to towns.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the joint standing committee on Banks Savings banks. and Banking consider the expediency of providing as follows, viz. :—

First. That no savings bank shall pay more than six per cent. at its annual dividends.

Second. That no savings bank shall discount, or invest its funds in business paper, or loan money upon the security of notes alone.

Third. That a notice of at least sixty days shall be required from a depositor who desires to withdraw more than fifty dollars at one time.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Sleeper of Malden moved to reconsider the vote State police. by which the order was adopted instructing the committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of amending or repealing chapter 394 of the Acts of 1871, concerning the state police.

The same gentleman subsequently moved that action on the motion to reconsider be postponed till Thursday.

Mr. Granger of Boston raised the point of order that under the rules the motion to reconsider must be at once considered.

The Chair (Mr. Hale of Boston) ruled the point not well taken.

Mr. Codman of Boston moved to substitute Wednesday for Thursday as the day on which the motion should be considered, which was adopted.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 13, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Jenkins of Abington, the petition of Washington Reed and 810 others of Abington for a division of that town. Division of Abington. Referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Buffum of Lynn, the petition of Wendell Phillips and others for a law regulating the hours of labor. Regulating hours of labor. Referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Annexation of
Cambridge to
Boston.

By Mr. Shaw of Boston, the petition of J. W. Merrill and others for the annexation of Cambridge to Boston. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Change of
boundary be-
tween Shel-
burne and
Conway.

By Mr. Lamb of Greenfield, the petition of Amasa Bardwell and others, for a change of the boundary line between Shelburne and Conway. Referred to the same committee.

Alewife Brook.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, the petition of the city of Cambridge, relative to Alewife Brook. Referred to the committee on Fisheries.

Sarah M. Tuttle.

By Mr. Jones of Boston, the petition of Sarah M. Tuttle for state aid.

Willard E.
Slade.

By Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, the petition of Willard E. Slade for state aid.

Ephraim H.
Sweetser.

By Mr. Bell of Salem, the petition of Ephraim H. Sweetser for state aid.

Vernal Stanley.

By Mr. Ginnodo of Attleborough, the petition of Vernal Stanley for state aid.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

European
Savings Bank.

By Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, the petition of G. M. Finotti and ten others, for the establishment of a savings bank in Boston, to be called the European Savings Bank. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Bridgewater
Manufacturing
Co.

By Mr. Howard of West Bridgewater, the petition of the Bridgewater Manufacturing Company to fix its capital. Referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Boston Y. M. C.
Union.

By Mr. Crocker of Boston, the petition of the Boston Young Men's Christian Union, praying that the second section of its Act of incorporation may be amended, so that it may hold more real and personal estate. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Lynn Home for
Aged Women.

By Mr. Buffum of Lynn, the petition of John Batcheller and others of the city of Lynn, for an Act of incorporation as the Lynn Home for Aged Women. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

N. Freeman.

The petition of N. Freeman for allowance for labor was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Worcester and
Nashua R. R.
Co.

The petition of the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company for authority to indorse, purchase and hold bonds of the Nashua and Rochester Railroad Company was referred to the committee on Railways.

The report of the commissioners on building and locating a state prison came down, referred to the committee on Prisons. On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston the report was laid on the table, the same report having been received by the House and referred to the committee on Finance.

Report of state prison commission.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the reference to the committee on the Judiciary, of the petition, offered by Mr. Knox of Lawrence, of James L. Hutchinson and others for incorporation as the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Lawrence, was reconsidered, and the same was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and sent up for concurrence.

Lawrence Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Cummings of Woburn, a bill to amend the charter of the Boston Mortgage Company. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking, and sent up for concurrence.

Boston Mortgage Company.

By Mr. Crocker of Boston, a bill relative to proceedings affecting the title to real estate. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Proceedings affecting title to real estate.

By Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, a bill concerning street railway corporations. Referred to the committee on Horse Railways, and sent up for concurrence.

Street railway corporations.

On motion of Mr. Blaney of Peabody,—

Ordered, That the joint standing committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of ordering that no person who is cashier of a national bank shall, at the same time, hold the office of treasurer or any similar office in a savings bank.

Cashiers of national banks and treasurers of savings banks.

Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the railroad commissioners enclosing the draft of a bill to consolidate into one Act the general laws relating to railroads. The same was referred to the committee on Railways, and sent up for concurrence.

Consolidation of all the general laws relating to railroads.

On motion of Mr. Fiske of Needham,—

Ordered, That the bill in relation to property and rights of husbands and wives, which was referred to this General Court, be taken from the files and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Property and rights of husbands and wives.

On motion of Mr. Shortle of Provincetown, the petition of Wm. H. Hammond for state aid, was taken from the

Wm. H. Hammond.

files of last year and referred to the committee on Claims, and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 14, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

In the absence of the Speaker, Mr. Codman of Boston occupied the chair.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Charles Burleigh.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of Charles Burleigh for compensation for services, etc., in construction of the Hoosac Tunnel.

Walter and Francis Shanly.

By Mr. Brayton of North Adams, the petition of Walter and Francis Shanly for relief on Hoosac Tunnel contract.

Severally referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

By Mr. Bishop of Newton, the petition of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, for authority to hold real estate in Boston. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

N. E. Homestead and Colonization Bureau.

By Mr. Derby of Boston, the petition of the New England Homestead and Colonization Bureau for incorporation. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Annexation of Tewksbury to Lowell.

By Mr. Tyler of Lowell, the petition of residents of Tewksbury for annexation to Lowell. Referred to the committee on Towns.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Mason of Plymouth,—

Decisions of the S. J. Court.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider whether any legislation is necessary or expedient to make the decisions of the supreme judicial court accessible to the public before their official publication, and for the more speedy publication of such decisions.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Recording powers of attorney.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law for recording powers of attorney.

On motion of Mr. Howes of Reading,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the Act concerning slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades, chapter 167 of the General Statutes of 1871, so that it may apply to towns containing more than two thousand inhabitants.

Slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 264 of the Acts of 1870, so that the same shall apply to the attachment of real estate in divorce suits; the taking of lands on execution, where no attachment was made on the writ of mesne process, and to all other writs and processes and the returns thereon, which are now required by law, to be recorded in the office of clerks of courts, in counties where there is more than one registry of deeds; and report by bill or otherwise.

Attachment of real estate in divorce suits, &c.

On motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 13, chapter 2 of the General Statutes, so as to provide that members of the General Court shall receive as mileage only the actual cost of travel to and from the place of meeting of the General Court.

Mileage of members of general court.

On motion of Mr. Mason of Plymouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of amending section 4 of chapter 370 of the Acts of 1870, relative to the amount to be paid by counties from whose prisons prisoners are removed to other counties, and the method of determining such amount.

Amounts paid by counties for support of prisoners.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges consider and report upon the expediency of repealing so much of the previous Acts of the Legislature, as provide for the appointment of commissioners by the cities of Boston and Charlestown on Charles River and Warren Bridges; said provisions being contained in chapter 322 of the Acts of 1868; chapter 272 of the Acts of 1869; chapter 303 of the Acts of 1870.

Charles River and Warren Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Subscription by
towns for rail-
road stock.

Ordered, That the joint standing committee on Railways consider the expediency of repealing so much of chapters 64 and 325 of the Acts of 1870 as authorizes towns to subscribe for railroad stock, or of loaning their credit in favor of railroads.

The last three orders were severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Army register
and battle-flag
resolutions.

The petition of William Claflin and others, for the rescinding of the resolution of 1872, pertaining to army register and battle-flags, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Federal Relations.

N. Parsons.

John W.
Wheeler.

The petitions of Nathaniel Parsons, for leave to build a wharf in Gloucester, and of John W. Wheeler, for leave to build a wharf in Gloucester, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Committee on
public chari-
table institu-
tions.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions be authorized to visit such institutions at such times as they may deem expedient.

State directors
B. & A. R. R.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the board of state directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation be allowed further time in which to make their report as required by law.

Public docu-
ments for Med-
field.

A resolve to provide the town of Medfield with the law reports, etc., introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Oread Institute.

A bill to amend the charter of the Oread Institute of Worcester, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

Worcester &
Auburn R. R.

A bill to incorporate the Worcester and Auburn Railway Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

Repeal of State
police Act.

A bill to repeal chapter 394 of the Acts of 1871, entitled an Act to establish a better system of police, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, the bill was laid on the table, until the motion to reconsider the vote by which the reference of a House order on the same subject was carried, should be decided.

On motion of the same gentleman, the bill was subsequently taken from the table, and referred in non-concur-

rence to the joint special committee to be appointed. The bill was then sent up for concurrence in the reference.

An order relative to franchise and sale of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, came down from the Senate referred to the committee on Railways. Franchise and sale of Troy & Greenfield R. R.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the House non-concurred in the reference, and the order was referred to the joint special committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railways. Sent up for concurrence.

The annual report of the cattle commissioners was referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture. Annual report of cattle commissioners.

The statement of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, of expenses and receipts of his department for 1873, was referred to the committee on Finance. Expenses and receipts of Secretary's department.

The estimates received from the several departments were transmitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and referred to the committee on Finance. Estimates of departments.

A statement of salaries and other expenses of the Auditor's department for 1873, was referred to the same committee. Expenses of Auditor's department.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, transmitting the annual report of the State Librarian, which was referred to the committee on the Library; the report of the Commissioners on Public Lands, which was referred to the committee on Public Lands; the reports of the Massachusetts State Prison, and the State Agent for aiding discharged convicts, which were referred to the committee on Prisons; also the reports of the State Reform School, the State Industrial School for Girls, the State Lunatic Hospitals at Northampton, Taunton and Worcester, the State Workhouse at Bridgewater, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, and the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth, which were referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. State Librarian. Public lands. State prison, &c. Reform school. Industrial school. State lunatic hospitals. Bridgewater workhouse. Primary school. Tewksbury almshouse. Idiotic youth.

These reports were severally sent up for concurrence.

The Secretary also transmitted the returns of sheriffs and of registers of deeds; which were referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Returns of sheriffs and registers of deeds.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Olney of West Roxbury, a bill to establish the municipal court of West Roxbury district. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Municipal court of West Roxbury.

Metropolitan
police for Bos-
ton.

A petition was presented by Mr. Harris of Wrentham, from a committee of the Massachusetts Temperance Alliance, praying for the establishment of a system of Metropolitan police for the city of Boston, who moved its reference to the committee on the Liquor Law.

The motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Shattuck of Boston, the petition was referred to the joint special committee to be appointed on the subject of State Police.

Sent up for concurrence.

State police.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the order relative to the repeal of chapter 394 of the Acts of 1871, concerning the state police was adopted, was taken up, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Fitzgerald subsequently modified the order referred to by striking out in the first line, the words "the committee on the Judiciary," and inserting instead the words, "a joint special committee of five on the part of the House with such as the Senate may join."

Mr. Sleeper of Malden moved to amend the modified order by inserting instead of the words referred to, the words, "the joint special committee on the Liquor Law."

On motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence, the previous question was ordered, and the amendment was rejected. The order as modified was then adopted, and sent up for concurrence.

Committee
advertising for
1873.

A communication was received from the Auditor of the Commonwealth, giving statement of amounts paid papers for advertising for the several committees in 1873, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Sending for per-
sons and papers.

Mr. Hale of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the order was adopted, authorizing the committee on Elections to send for persons and papers and employ clerical assistance, and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mayor of Salem.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Salem, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 15, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, the petition of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company for leave to change their location in the towns of Weston and Needham. Boston and Albany Railroad.

By Mr. Bishop of Newton, the petition of the Brighton and Newton Railroad Company for extension of time for the location and construction of their road, and for authority to sell the same. Brighton and Newton Railroad.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

By Mr. Derby of Boston, the petition of Henry Chapin and others to rescind and annul the resolutions censuring Charles Sumner, passed by the legislature of 1872. Army register and national battle-flags.

By Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, the petition of W. B. Standish and twelve other citizens of Plymouth, in favor of repealing the Sumner resolutions.

Severally referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

By Mr. Buffum of Lynn, the petition of T. Cushing and others of Boston, for incorporation as the Chauncy Hall School. Referred to the committee on Education. Chauncy Hall School.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, the petition of the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester for an appropriation toward the erection of the new hospital. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Worcester—Lunatic Hospital.

By Mr. Lincoln of Boston, the petition of the Boston Gas Light Company for an increase of its capital stock. Boston Gas Light Company.

By Mr. Cummings of Woburn, the petition of the selectmen of that town for leave to issue additional water bonds. Woburn—water bonds.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

By Mr. Ginnodo of Attleborough, the petition of Wm. Fisher for a savings bank in Attleborough. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Attleborough—savings bank.

By Mr. Cummings of Woburn, the petition of the selectmen of Woburn for amendment of section 10 of Woburn.

chapter 307 of the Acts of 1871. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Malden Bridge.

By Mr. Sleeper of Malden, the petition of W. H. Lounsbury, A. H. Evans and others of the town of Everett, for the repeal of chapter 266 of the Acts of 1869, concerning the care and maintenance of Malden Bridge, now in the county of Suffolk. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Abington.

By Mr. Reed of Weymouth, the petition of W. L. Reed and 428 others, legal voters in Abington and East Bridgewater, to be set off as a new town. Referred to the committee on Towns.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Industrial School for Girls.

A communication was received by the Speaker from the Treasurer of the State Industrial School for Girls, asking for an appropriation of \$25,000 to meet the expenses of that institution for the current year; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Surgeon-General.

A communication was also received from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting the annual report of the Surgeon-General of the Commonwealth, which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs; also the

Inland fisheries.

report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries, which was referred to the committee on Fisheries; and the report

Police Commissioners.

of the Board of Police Commissioners, which was referred to the committee on the State Police. These reports were severally sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Introduced on Leave.

Damages by laying out railroads.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, a bill in regard to damages caused by laying out railroads.

Hopkinton Railroad.

By Mr. Sprague of Framingham, a bill to repeal chapter 119 of the Acts of 1873, relating to the Hopkinton Railroad.

Severally read, referred to the committee on Railways, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Dacey of Boston,—

Suffolk probate clerkships.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of establishing official clerkships in the probate office of the county of Suffolk.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 1 of chapter 166 of the General Statutes, as follows:— Selling of un-wholesome provisions.

“The 166th chapter of the General Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word ‘knowingly’ in the first section of said chapter.”

Mr. Phillips of Salem offered the following order:—

Ordered, That the joint standing committee on Railways have authority to employ clerical assistance, and to send for persons and papers. Clerical assistance for committee on Railways.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston moved to amend so as to make the authority extend to all the joint standing committees of the legislature. Rejected.

The same gentleman moved to amend by striking out all after the words “clerical assistance.” Lost.

The same gentleman also moved that the order be laid upon the table. Rejected.

The order was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of providing by law for the appointing by the governor the state directors in railroads. State directors in railroads.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston,—

Ordered, That the joint standing committee on Insurance consider and report upon the expediency of a general law for the extension of charters of mutual insurance companies. Mutual insurance companies.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Chicopee,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 57, section 141 of the General Statutes, so as to allow savings banks to hold at the same time an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars of one depositor, other than a religious or charitable institution. Deposits in savings banks.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education be authorized to visit the normal schools at such times as they may deem expedient. Normal schools.

These orders, with the exception of the first two, were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Judd of Lee, offered the following order, which was laid over until to-morrow :—

Contested seats.

Ordered, That the contestants of seats be admitted to unoccupied seats on the floor of the House.

Mr. T. F. Fitz Gerald of Boston offered the following order which, on motion of Mr. Mason of Plymouth, was laid over until to-morrow :—

Mileage.

Ordered, That the committee on the Pay-Roll make up the mileage of members of the House.

Members excused from serving on committees.

The Speaker announced that Mr. Bosworth of Taunton asked to be excused from serving on the committee on Fisheries. Also, that Mr. Johnson of Nahant asked to be excused from serving on the committee on Engrossed Bills.

The two gentlemen were excused ; and the Speaker then announced the appointment of Mr. Johnson of Nahant on the committee on Fisheries, in place of Mr. Bosworth excused. Also the appointment of Mr. Bosworth of Taunton on the committee on Engrossed Bills, in place of Mr. Johnson excused.

Monitor of second division.

The Speaker also announced that Mr. Wright of Great Barrington desired to be excused from serving as monitor of the second division. Mr. Wright was excused, and the Speaker appointed Mr. Seymour of Granville in his place.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The motion made by Mr. Hale of Boston, to reconsider the vote whereby the order was adopted that the committee on Elections be authorized to send for persons and papers and employ clerical assistance, was withdrawn.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the mayor of Salem, for authority for the trustees of the Salem Water Loan Sinking Fund to invest in certain bonds, was accepted.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 16, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Clatur of Boston, the petition of P. B. Brigham and others; by Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the petition of R. S. Brown and others; and by Mr. Smith of Cambridge, the petition of H. L. Pierce and others, asking for the rescission of the resolution of 1872, in relation to battle-flags and army registers. Severally referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Army register and national battle-flags.

By Mr. Tyler of Lowell, the petitions of the mayor of Lowell, for annexation of a part of Dracut to Lowell, and for annexation of a part of Chelmsford to Lowell.

Annexation of Dracut and Chelmsford to Lowell.

By Mr. Shaw of Boston, the petition of the mayor of Boston, that the boundary line between Boston and Newton be changed.

Boston and Newton boundary line.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

By the same gentleman, the petition of the mayor of Boston for the establishment of a State Normal School in the city of Boston. Referred to the committee on Education.

State normal school for Boston.

By Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, his own petition for balance of mileage due him for 1873. Referred to the committee on Claims.

E. H. Chisholm.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Clark of Boston, a bill relating to the rights of husbands and wives, and for the protection of minor children. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Rights of husbands and wives.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 3 of chapter 286 of the Acts of 1870, providing for the establishing of true meridian lines, etc., as to exempt from its requirements as to verifying the compass, such surveyors as do not use the compass in their surveys.

True meridian lines, etc.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Sidewalks.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of altering the laws relating to the construction of sidewalks in cities and towns.

Mr. Osgood of Salem offered the following order, which was laid over until to-morrow, at the request of Mr. Loud of Winchendon :—

Closing of polls
at elections.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 5 of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1873, so as to provide that until the close of the polls at an election, no count shall be made of the number of ballots cast.

Mileage.

The order relative to making up the mileage of the members, which was laid over yesterday, was, on motion of Mr. T. F. Fitz Gerald of Boston, laid upon the table.

Papers from the Senate.

Loans by sav-
ings banks.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of prohibiting all savings banks in this Commonwealth from loaning money in any case at a greater rate of interest than seven and three-tenths per cent. per annum.

Old Colony
Railroad.

The petitions of the Old Colony Railroad Company for authority to hold stock in certain steamboat companies ; and for authority to unite with the Middleborough and Taunton Railroad, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Army register
and national
battle-flags.

The petition of Henry L. Dawes and others, for the rescinding of the resolutions of censure upon the Hon. Charles Sumner, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Federal Relations.

Bristol County
Agricultural
Society.

A bill to authorize the Bristol County Agricultural Society to hold additional real estate, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture.

The order offered by Mr. Judd of Lee, and laid over yesterday, was taken up, and modified to read as follows :—

Contested seats.

Ordered, That contestants of seats be admitted to seats on the floor of the House, while their cases are pending.

The order was then adopted.

Flats in Boston
Harbor.

Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred that portion of the Governor's Address relating to the South Boston flats, reported a bill to

renew the appropriation for the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor, which was read, and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the statement of the Auditor in regard to advertising for committees, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Printing. Committee advertising.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 17, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Speaker announced that Mr. Gates of Pelham requested to be excused from serving on the committee on Engrossed Bills. The request was granted, and the Chair appointed Mr. Wright of Great Barrington in his stead. Committee change.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Howes of Reading, the petition of William Proctor and 42 others, for the rescinding of the resolutions of 1872 regarding battle-flags, etc. Referred to committee on Federal Relations. Army register and national battle-flags.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, the petition of Samuel Littlefield and 129 others, for the annexation of Somerville to Boston, in aid of the petition of Horace Haskins and others. Referred to the committee on Towns. Annexation of Somerville to Boston.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, the petition of Vespasian Danforth for reimbursement to the city of Lawrence for support of James F. Dooley, insane pauper, at the Taunton Asylum. Referred to the committee on Claims. Lawrence—support of pauper.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Robinson of Newton, a bill to establish a municipal court of the western district of Boston. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Municipal court for Boston.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the Metropolitan Railroad Company for authority to increase its capital stock and to issue bonds, Metropolitan Railroad Co.

was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

Army register
and national
battle-flags.

The petition of Bayliss Sanford and others, for the rescission of the resolution of 1872, virtually censuring Charles Sumner, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Federal Relations.

The petition of William Cogswell and 39 others, asking that the resolution passed at the extra session of 1872, virtually censuring one of the representatives of the State in the Senate, etc., be rescinded or annulled, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Federal Relations.

Committee on
Prisons.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint committee on Prisons be authorized to visit said institutions at such times as they may deem expedient.

Flag station.

A bill for the establishment of a flag-station by the New Haven and Northampton Railroad Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Orders.

Income tax.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary, consider and report upon the expediency of repealing the laws providing for an income tax.

Committee on
Prisons.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons be permitted to visit the prisons of the Commonwealth at such times as may best suit their convenience.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the vote whereby the above order was adopted was reconsidered, a similar order having been adopted in concurrence, and the order was rejected.

Closing of polls
at elections.

The order offered by Mr. Osgood of Salem, relative to amending section 5 of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1873, laid over yesterday, was modified by adding thereto the words "or of amending said chapter by striking out said 5th section." The order was then adopted.

Committee
advertising.

On motion of Mr. Morss of Newburyport, the vote whereby the communication from the Auditor giving a statement of expenses of advertising by committees was referred to the committee on Printing, was reconsidered, and the same was then referred to the committees on Print-

ing of the two branches as a joint committee, and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 19, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Hayes of Medford, the petition of the First Parish of Medford for amendment of charter. First Parish in Medford.

By Mr. Sanger of Danvers, the petition of the Maple Street Congregational Society of Danvers for leave to give up charter, etc. Maple Street Congregational Society, Danvers.

Severally referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

By Mr. Cummings of Woburn, the petition of the President and Directors of Monument National Bank of Charlestown, for revival of charter. Referred to committee on Banks and Banking. Monument National Bank.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, the petition of W. W. Wheel- don and others for incorporation for the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Referred to the committee on Education. American Association for Advancement of Science.

By Mr. Perkins of Boston, the petition of Benj. F. Stevens and others for incorporation as a company to guarantee the fidelity, etc., of persons occupying places of trust. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Company to guarantee fidelity of trustees.

By Mr. Butterworth of Brookfield, the petition of Clarissa Adams for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims. Clarissa Adams.

By Mr. Shaw of Boston, the petition of Robert L. Sawin and 290 others; voters of Cambridge, for the annexation of that city to Boston. Referred to the committee on Towns. Annexation of Cambridge to Boston.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, the petition of John Ward Dean and others, for an Act of incorporation of the Prince Society. Referred to the committee on the Library. Prince Society.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Granger of Boston, the petition of Mrs. L. M. Warner and others for a change in the poor laws. Change in poor laws.

Boston—laying
of gas-pipes.

By Mr. Shaw of Boston, the petition of the mayor of Boston concerning the laying of gas-pipes in streets where the public good demands.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Introduced on Leave.

Taxation of re-
ligious and
charitable cor-
porations.

By Mr. Whiting of Pembroke, a bill for the taxation of religious and charitable corporations. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Society of Ob-
late Fathers.

The petition of the Society of Oblate Fathers for leave to hold real and personal property to the amount of \$250,000, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Prohibitory law
of 1867.

The petition of A. A. Miner and others for the reënactment of the prohibitory law as it existed in 1867, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Elihu S.
Hawkes.

A resolve in favor of Elihu S. Hawkes, taken from the Senate files of last year, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Abolition of
police commis-
sioners.

A bill, introduced on leave in the Senate, to abolish the police commissioners, came down referred to the committee on the Liquor Law. Pending the question of concurring in the reference, Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston moved to non-concur, and to refer the bill to the joint special committee to be appointed.

Mr. Sleeper of Malden raised the point of order that as no such committee exists, the bill cannot be so referred.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the bill was laid upon the table.

Wm. H. Ham-
mond.

The report of the committee on Claims (asking to be discharged) on the petition of Wm. H. Hammond for state aid, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Attorney-Gen-
eral's Report.

The annual report of the Attorney-General was received and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon,—

Election ser-
mon.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending sec-

tion 1 of chapter 7 of the Acts of 1872, by striking out so much as relates to the election sermon.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 52, chapter 224 of the Acts of 1870, by striking out the words "one vote," and inserting in place thereof the words "ten votes upon shares represented by him." Coöperative Associations.

On motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 8 of chapter 157 of the General Statutes, so that witnesses before police courts and justices of the peace shall receive the same pay as witnesses before the superior court. Fees of witnesses before police courts.

On motion of Mr. Hayes of Medford,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 4, chapter 320, Acts of 1873, so that the business of a limited partnership shall not be required to be transacted under a firm in which the names of the general partners shall necessarily be inserted. Limited partnerships.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee of the House on Probate and Chancery be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for sales of real estate by executors and administrators in certain cases, wherein the same is desired by all parties interested therein. Executors' and administrators' sales.

On motion of Mr. Rogers of Weymouth,—

Ordered, That the resolves of the town of Weymouth, requesting the state to purchase the Boston and Albany Railroad, be taken from the files and referred to the committee on Railways. Resolves of town of Weymouth.

On motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon,—

Ordered, That the committee on Printing be requested to report, within ten days, on the Auditor's report of the advertising expenses of the several committees. Report of committee on Printing.

Sent up for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Sanger of Danvers, from the special committee appointed to present the thanks of the House to the Rev. R. G. Greene, the preacher of the election sermon, and to Election sermon.

request a copy of the sermon, reported, enclosing a copy for publication. The report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Arrest and discharge of poor debtors.

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill relating to the arrest and discharge of poor debtors, reported that the same ought to pass, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for its second reading to-morrow.

Recording powers of attorney.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to recording powers of attorney. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 20, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Annexation of Somerville to Boston.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, the petition of Alexander Foster and 70 others, in aid of the petition of Horace Haskins and others, for the annexation of Somerville to Boston.

Annexation of Winthrop to Boston.

By Mr. Seaver of Boston, the petition of George Turnbull and six others, for the annexation of the town of Winthrop to the city of Boston.

Annexation of Winthrop to Boston.

Also, the petition of D. P. Matthews and 100 others, in aid of the same.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

Endorsers of promissory notes.

By Mr. Bassett of Easthampton, a bill relative to endorsers of promissory notes. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Transportation by railways for hire.

By Mr. Lewis of Walpole, a bill in relation to railroad corporations transporting merchandise for hire, which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the reference was subsequently reconsidered, and the bill was referred to the committee on Railways, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of repealing section 2 of chapter 226 of the laws of 1873, relative to the eligibility of state directors in railroad corporations, and to report thereon as early as practicable. State directors in railroads.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Elections consider the expediency of so amending the election laws, as to provide some other method of electing or appointing a part or the whole of the ward officers in cities. Appointment of ward officers in cities.

On motion of Mr. Cole of Cheshire,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the provision of section 1 of chapter 91 of the General Statutes, by inserting after the word "children" in the third paragraph, the words "or their heirs." Descent of property.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Lowell,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of a law for the more adequate punishment of defaulters, and for indemnification of sufferers by defalcation and other robberies. Punishment of defaulters.

On motion of Mr. Fiske of Needham,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the constitution of Massachusetts in the second article of the sixth chapter, so far as relates to the prohibition of seats in either branch of the legislature to certain officials therein named; and in the third article of the third section of the first chapter, so that it shall not require that a member of the House of Representatives shall be an inhabitant of the district which he represents. Regulation of representative elections.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Boston,—

Ordered, That the resolve in favor of the state prison inspectors, and Senate Document No. 16 of 1873, be taken from the files and referred to the committee on Claims. State prison inspectors.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Samuel A. Dean and others, for an Act requiring the use of broad-rimmed wheels on loaded wag- Broad-rimmed wheels.

Change of
boundary of
Boston, Brook-
line and
Brighton.

Father Mathew
Catholic Total
Abstinence Ben-
efit Society.

Birds, birds'
eggs and deer.

Convict and
homicidal in-
sane.

Surveys of Troy
and Greenfield
Railroad.

Common-
wealth's flats.

Massachusetts
Central Rail-
road.

Appropriations.

ons and carts passing over public highways, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

The petition of Wm. I. Bowditch and 78 others, in aid of the petition of James Greenough and others, for change of boundary between Boston, Brookline and Brighton, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

The petition of John Campbell and others of Lawrence, to be incorporated as the Father Mathew Catholic Total Abstinence Benefit Society, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

A bill to amend chapter 304 of the Acts of 1870, relating to birds, birds' eggs and deer, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider and report what further provision, if any, is required for the convict and homicidal insane in the Commonwealth.

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting a report concerning surveys and investigations relative to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Mr. Hale of Boston moved that the same be referred to the joint special committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railways.

Mr. Granger of Boston moved that it be referred to the joint standing committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Mr. Kimball of Boston moved that the message and report be laid on the table and printed, which was carried.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to renew the appropriation for the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor, reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the bill concerning the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Central Railroad Company, reported the same in a new draft.

Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for recording powers of attorney, was accepted. Orders of the day.

When the report of the committee on the Election Sermon, enclosing a copy for publication, was considered, Mr. Fiske of Needham, offered the following order, which, with the report, was referred to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That three thousand copies of the sermon preached by the Rev. R. G. Greene be printed, under the direction of the committee on Printing, for the use of the executive and legislative branches of the government.

The report of the committee on Claims, asking to be discharged, on the petition of William H. Hammond, for state aid, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill relative to the arrest and discharge of poor debtors was read and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 21, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Ide, Chaplain of the Senate.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Noble of Westfield, the petition of J. L. Wor-
thy and others, to be incorporated as the West Springfield
Water Works. Referred to committee on Water Supply
and Drainage. West Spring-
field water
works.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petition of the Massa-
chusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary for aid. Re-
ferred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Mass. Charitable
Eye and Ear In-
firmmary.

By Mr. Eaton of Salisbury, the petition of John G.
Whittier and 125 others, for the rescission of the Resolu-
tion of 1872 relative to army registers and battle-flags. Army register
resolutions.

By Mr. Parker of New Bedford, a similar petition of Joseph N. Bacon and others.

Severally referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Old South Society.

By Mr. Bishop of Newton, the remonstrance of F. S. Wheeler and 22 others, against granting the petition of the Old South Society in Boston. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Licensing of peddlers.

By Mr. Banister of Worcester, the petition of Jonathan Luther and others, for an amendment of the law relating to licensing peddlers. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Westborough Reform School.

A communication from the Trustees of the State Reform School at Westborough, in relation to an appropriation for that institution, was referred to the committee on Finance.

Introduced on Leave.

State aid.

By Mr. Sprague of Framingham, a bill to extend the time for paying state aid to soldiers and sailors and their families, and the families of the slain. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Engineering expenses, Hoosac Tunnel.

By Mr. Granger of Boston, a resolve providing for expense incurred in the supervision of the Hoosac Tunnel. Referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, a bill to authorize the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad to mortgage its road and for other purposes. Referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Protection of lobsters.

The petition of Charles Stanwood and others, for the passage of a law for the protection of lobsters, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Fisheries. ●

Pardons, 1873.

A message from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting a report of pardons granted by the Governor and Council during the year 1873, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Masters in Chancery for Suffolk County.

A bill to authorize the appointment of two additional masters in chancery for the county of Suffolk, passed to

be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to incorporate the New England Transfer Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways. N. E. Transfer Company.

A bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad, was referred in concurrence to the same committee. Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad.

On motion of Mr. Parker of Methuen,—

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of amending section 16 of chapter 375 of the Acts of 1872, relative to the amount of capital of foreign insurance companies doing business in this state. Sent up for concurrence. Foreign insurance companies.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, which was ordered to inquire into the expediency of amending section 52 of chapter 224 of the Acts of 1870, reported that the committee asked to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and that the order be referred to the joint standing committee on Mercantile Affairs. The report was accepted. Coöperative associations.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 5 of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1873, relating to the declaration of votes at elections, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Declaration of votes at an election.

The bill abolishing the police commissioners, was, on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, taken from the table, and the House voted to non-concur with the Senate in its reference to the committee on the Liquor Law. The bill was then referred to the joint special committee on the State Police to be appointed. Abolition of police commissioners.

The Speaker subsequently appointed the following gentlemen as members of the committee on the part of the House, which list was sent up to be joined :—

Messrs. Crocker of Boston, Hill of Beverly, Bartholmesz of Boston, Fiske of Needham, and Kelley of Newburyport. Committee on State Police and Amendment of Liquor Law.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the vote whereby the annual report of the Attorney-General was referred to Attorney-General's Report.

the committee on the Judiciary, was reconsidered, and the report was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The bill relative to the arrest and discharge of poor debtors, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To renew the appropriation for the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor ;

Concerning the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Central Railroad Company ;

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 22, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Nantucket and
Cape Cod
Steamboat Co.

By Mr. McCleave of Nantucket, the petition of the Nantucket and Cape Cod Steamboat Company for authority to increase its capital stock.

Bunker Hill
Monument As-
sociation.

By Mr. Lincoln of Boston, the petition of the Bunker Hill Monument Association that the 17th of June be made a legal holiday.

Pilot regula-
tions, ports of
Salem and
Beverly.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, the petition of Joseph Perkins and others, for a change in the pilotage regulations of the ports of Salem and Beverly ; also of C. E. and B. H. Fabens and others, in aid of the same.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Sumner resolu-
tions.

By Mr. Buxton of Boston, the petition of John Cushing and others, for a rescission of the resolutions virtually censuring Charles Sumner. Referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Sumner resolu-
tions.

By Mr. Buffum of Lynn, a similar petition signed by Dwight Foster and others. Referred to the same committee.

By Mr. Currier of Newburyport, the petition of the Exeter and Salisbury Railway Company for extension of time. Referred to the committee on Railways.

By Mr. Kelley of Newburyport, the petition of the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company, for leave to issue bonds. Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, the petition of the executive committee of Boston Liberal League, for the enactment of laws securing just and equal taxation throughout the Commonwealth. Referred to a joint special committee to be appointed, to consist of eight on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

By Mr. Manny of Winchester, the petition of Ira Cook of Winchester, for compensation for injuries received while in the employ of the State. Referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Jenkins of Abington, the petition of Jabez B. Peterson and others, for the incorporation of East Abington as a new town. Referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Sleeper of Malden, the petition of the selectmen of Malden, for the repeal of chapter 266, Acts of 1869, concerning Malden Bridge, etc. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

By Mr. Jones of Boston, the petition of Henry L. Hallett and 5,728 others, that the Highland Street Railway Company have authority to run its cars to Cornhill and Haymarket Square. Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

Mr. Kelley of Newburyport offered the following order, which was referred to the committee on the State House :—

Ordered, That hereafter the representatives' hall be the place for the delivery of the election sermon.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Buildings consider the propriety of making special provision in the new lunatic asylum for the accommodation of confirmed inebriates as insane persons.

On motion of Mr. Pope of Boston,—

Ordered, That the reports of the Insurance Commissioner be taken from the files of last year and referred to

the joint standing committee on Insurance, with instructions to report what legislative action, if any, is called for by the suggestions therein contained.

These orders were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Kelley of Newburyport,—

Adulteration of food.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be requested to report on the necessity of additional penal laws against adulteration of articles of food and drink.

On motion of Mr. Olney of Boston,—

Concealing wills.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery be instructed to consider the expediency of amending sections 17 and 18 of chapter 92 of the General Statutes, relating to proceedings against persons suspected of concealing wills, and so as to prevent resort to such proceedings for improper and fraudulent purposes.

New England Female Medical College and Boston University.

On motion of Mr. Sleeper of Malden, the bill to authorize the New England Female Medical College and the trustees of the Boston University to unite, was taken from the files of last year, and referred to the committee on Education and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Loud of Winchendon offered the following order, which was rejected:—

Battle-flag and army register resolutions.

Ordered, That the committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred the several petitions in relation to the battle-flags, be requested to report within one week.

On motion of Mr. Kelley of Newburyport,—

Washingtonian and Appleton Homes.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions be requested to report on the success of voluntary reformation of inebriates at the Washingtonian and Appleton Homes, and whether legislation is necessary for detention until cure is effected.

Introduced on Leave.

Highland Street Railway.

By Mr. Palmer of Boston, a bill concerning the Highland Street Railway Company. Referred to the committee on Horse Railways and sent up for concurrence.

Kellogg Steam-Power Co.

By Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, a bill to incorporate the Kellogg Steam-Power Company of Pittsfield. Referred to the committee on Manufactures, and sent up for concurrence.

Rules of procedure in courts.

By Mr. Bishop of Newton, a bill to amend some of the rules of procedure in the courts of this Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation, for authority to take water from Hammond's Pond in Newton, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Co.

The petition of the proprietors of Eastern Harbor meadows and beaches, for compensation for damages caused by diking across the outlet of East Harbor, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors. Proprietors Eastern Harbor meadows.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint select committee to whom have been referred certain petitions and bills relating to metropolitan and state police, be directed to inquire into and report upon the expediency of creating a police force for legitimate purposes, throughout the State, such as attending to detective duty, musters, fairs and other large gatherings of the people, said force to be composed substantially as follows : Metropolitan and other state police.

1st. A chief constable.

2d. A certain number of the regular police of the several cities and large towns of the Commonwealth, say, twenty or twenty-five in the city of Boston, and from two to four in the others, according to population, to be commissioned by the governor, with powers similar to those given to the present state police by the statutes ; said policemen to attend to their regular duties in their respective towns or cities, except when detailed for special duty by order of the governor, and to receive pay from the state only when on such special duty.

A communication signed by John Bowdlear and others, asking why a ten hour law is delayed, was referred to the committee on the Labor Question. Sent up for concurrence. Delay in passage of ten-hour law.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of State Charities, transmitting the tenth annual report of that board. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Tenth Annual Report Board of State Charities.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill in addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year. Read and ordered to a second reading. Appropriation bill.

Report of commissioners for building and locating state prison.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the report of the commissioners for locating and building a state prison, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on Prisons, with instructions to consider the expediency of repealing chapter 155, Acts of 1873, authorizing the said new prison. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Masters in chancery for Suffolk County.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the Senate bill to authorize the appointment of two additional masters in chancery for the county of Suffolk, reported that the same ought to pass, and it was placed in the orders of the day for its second reading to-morrow.

Decisions of supreme judicial court.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the same committee, which was ordered to consider whether any legislation is necessary concerning the custody and publication of decisions of the supreme judicial court, reported a bill for that purpose. Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mileage of members.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order to inquire into the expediency of amending the General Statutes, in respect to mileage of members of the General Court. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

E. H. Chisholm.

Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, from the committee on Claims, reported a resolve in favor of E. H. Chisholm for balance due on mileage as a member of the Legislature in 1873. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, from the committee on Insurance, reported a bill to authorize the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York to hold additional real estate in this Commonwealth. Placed in the orders for to-morrow.

Lunatic Hospital at Worcester.

Mr. Lincoln of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, reported a resolve in relation to the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester. Referred to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending section 5 of chapter 376, Acts of 1873, was laid on the table.

Bills: to renew the appropriation for the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor; concerning

the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Central Railroad Company, and making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year, were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 23, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, the petition of Phineas E. Gay of Boston and 1,150 others, for laws securing just and equal taxation throughout the Commonwealth. Referred to a joint special committee to be appointed. Just and equal taxation.

By Mr. Jones of Deerfield, the remonstrance of J. B. Hitchcock and others of Deerfield, against the petition of the Old South Church. Old South Church.

Also, the remonstrance of Rev. Robert Sanford, pastor of the Congregational Church in Deerfield, and 38 others, against the petition of the Old South Church, which were referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Do.

By Mr. Gay of Chelmsford, the remonstrance of Thomas J. Adams and 287 others of Chelmsford, against the annexation of any part of that town to Lowell. Referred to the committee on Towns. Annexation of part of Chelmsford to Lowell.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Wiley of Boston, the petition of the justice and clerk of the municipal court of the Charlestown district of the city of Boston, for an increase of salary. Municipal court, Charlestown district.

By Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the petition of Daniel Fisher and 41 others of Dukes County, for the repeal of section 16 of chapter 114 of the General Statutes, relative to the superior court in Dukes County. Superior court in Dukes County.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of George W. Cann, clerk of the police court of Fitchburg, for an increase of salary. Clerk of police court in Fitchburg.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Introduced on Leave.

Camp-ground at Framingham.

By Mr. Wilson of Boston, a resolve providing for certain expenses incurred in grading and draining the militia camp-ground at Framingham. Referred to the committee on Finance.

Orders.

Harbor Commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Harbors consider the expediency of enacting a law providing that the issuing of licenses for the construction or extension of wharves, or of highways over tide-water, may be vested in the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Sent up for concurrence.

Licenses of innholders, &c.

On motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the law relating to the licensing of innholders and common victuallers, so as to provide that licenses may be revoked, at the discretion of the authority granting them.

Files of documents for use of members.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be requested to make files of the usual public and legislative documents for the use of members of the House.

Papers from the Senate.

Henry F. Thomas.

The petition of Henry F. Thomas and others, for leave to extend a wharf in Fall River, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Troy and Greenfield R. R. Co.—Right of redemption.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Attorney-General be requested to inform the legislature whether the right of redemption reserved to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company of said railroad and the Hoosac Tunnel, requires the repayment to the Commonwealth of the original loan of two million dollars and interest only; or the repayment of the full amount of advances made and to be made by the Commonwealth for the construction of said road and tunnel, with interest thereon.

Also, whether other persons or parties than said railroad company possess such right of redemption.

Vernal Stanley.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on the petition of Vernal Stanley, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A resolve to provide the town of Medfield with the law reports, general and special laws and state map, passed to be engrossed by the Senate in a new draft, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Resolve for town of Medfield.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to legalizing proceedings of the Dukes County Academy.

Dukes County Academy.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon.

Compensation for election sermon.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending an Act in relation to slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades.

Slaughter-houses, &c.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Cushing of Hingham, from the committee on Harbors, reported a bill to authorize Jarvis R. Nickerson and associates to construct a wharf in Barnstable.

Jarvis R. Nickerson.

Mr. Sprague of Framingham, from the same committee reported a bill to authorize Nelson H. Barse and associates to construct a wharf in Barnstable.

Nelson H. Barse.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to amend section 1 of chapter 91 of the General Statutes, relative to the descent and distribution of property.

Descent and distribution of property.

Mr. Whiting of Pembroke, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported a bill to authorize the Boston Young Men's Christian Union to hold additional real and personal estate.

Y. M. C. U.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order to inquire into the expediency of amending the General Statutes, in respect to mileage of members of the general court, was accepted.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Finance, relative to report of commissioners for locating and building a state prison, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommending that it be referred to the

committee on Prisons, with instructions to consider the expediency of repealing chapter 155, Acts of 1873, authorizing the said new prison, was accepted. The commissioners' report was so referred and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the appointment of two additional masters in chancery for the county of Suffolk, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York to hold additional real estate in this Commonwealth, was read and amended on motions made by Messrs. Chisholm of New Bedford and Hale of Boston.

The bill, as amended, was, on motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, recommitted to the committee on Insurance.

On motion of Mr. T. F. Fitz Gerald of Boston, the order relative to mileage of members was taken from the table, and it was then adopted.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 24, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Army register
and national
flags.

By Mr. Smith of Cambridge, the petition of Hon. George F. Hoar, for the rescinding of the resolution which has been received by the public as a virtual censure of one of the representatives of the State, in the Senate of the Union.

Do.

Also, by the same gentleman, the petition of Emory Washburn and others, for the rescinding and annulling of the resolution known as the Sumner Resolution.

Severally referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Annexation of
Revere.

By Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, the petition of the selectmen of Revere, for an act annexing said town to Boston. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Old South
Church.

By Mr. Boutwell of Andover, the remonstrance of Rev. W. L. Ropes and professors of the Theological Seminary at Andover, against the sale of the Old South Church. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, the memorial of the trustees of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth, for aid. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Mass. School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth.

By Mr. Nutting of Northampton, the petition of the Massachusetts Central Railroad Company, for legislation to prevent a grade crossing of the Ware River Railroad in Hardwick. Referred to the committee on Railways. Mass. Central Railroad Co.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the bill vesting street railway tracks in the towns and cities where the same are located, providing for the formation of street car companies by general law, and for other purposes, was taken from the files of last year, and referred to the committee on Horse Railways, and sent up for concurrence. General street railway law.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Reade of Milford,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the Board of State Charities. Abolishing of Board of State Charities.

On motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the committee on Labor be instructed to inquire into the expediency of a law prohibiting the employment of children under the age of fourteen years, in cotton and woolen mills and other places. Employment of children under 14.

Papers from the Senate.

The order directing the committee on Public Buildings to consider the propriety of making special provision in the new lunatic asylum for the accommodation of confirmed inebriates as insane persons, adopted by the House, came down non-concurred in the reference; and the House concurred in the reference of the same to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Inebriate insane.

A bill to authorize the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company to guarantee certain bonds, and for other purposes, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Worcester and Nashua Railroad.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee appointed to prepare rules and orders, reported a schedule of rules and Rules and orders.

orders. The report was placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill relative to endorsers of promissory notes, reported that the same ought not to pass. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being upon its rejection.

Committee on
Just and Equal
Taxation.

The Speaker appointed as the members, on the part of the House, of the joint special committee on Just and Equal Taxation, as ordered by vote of the House on petition of the executive committee of the Boston Liberal League, presented January 22, the following gentlemen: Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Whiting of Pembroke, Morss of Newburyport, Goodspeed of Barnstable, Lamb of Greenfield, Sanger of Danvers, Banister of Worcester, and Cole of Cheshire.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary:

Inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to legalizing proceedings of the Dukes County Academy;

Inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon; and

Inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending an Act in relation to slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Vernal Stanley, for state aid, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

In addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year;

To authorize Jarvis R. Nickerson and associates to construct a wharf in Barnstable;

To authorize Nelson H. Bearse and associates to construct a wharf in Barnstable;

To amend section 1 of chapter 91 of the General Statutes, relative to the descent and distribution of property; and

To authorize the Boston Young Men's Christian Union to hold additional real and personal estate;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the appointment of two additional

masters in chancery for the county of Suffolk, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 26, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Ginnodo of Attleborough, the petition of the Attleborough Farmers' and Mechanics' Agricultural Association, for an Act of incorporation. Referred to the committee on Agriculture. Attleborough Farmers' and Mechanics' Association.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, the petition of the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton, for an additional appropriation. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. State Hospital at Taunton.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of Elizabeth Martindale of Ashburnham, for state aid. Elizabeth Martindale.

By Mr. Shortle of Provincetown, the petition of William H. Hammond, for state aid. W. H. Hammond.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, the petition of the selectmen of Revere, for relief from a portion of the expense of maintaining the Salem turnpike. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Selectmen of Revere.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, the petition of Honora Grady and others, to confirm the title to certain real estate therein named. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Honora Grady.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 169 of the Acts of 1862, being “an Act concerning bail in criminal cases,” so that the same shall apply to the judges of the several municipal and police courts, while the cases, in which defaults shall occur, are pending in their respective courts. Bail in criminal cases.

On motion of Mr. Howes of Reading,—

Slaughter-houses and noxious trades.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the Act in relation to slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades, chapter 167 of the Acts of 1871, so that it may apply to any town in the Commonwealth.

Paper from the Senate.

Maverick Congregational Society.

A bill to authorize the Maverick Congregational Society of Boston to sell its real estate, and for other purposes, which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

Taxation of religious and charitable corporations.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill for the taxation of religious and charitable corporations, asked to be discharged from its further consideration and recommended its reference to the joint select committee on that subject. The report was considered and accepted, and the bill was referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Sent up for concurrence.

Town of Medfield.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve to provide the town of Medfield with certain laws and documents, reported that it ought to pass in a new draft.

Appropriation Bill.

Mr. Jenkins of Abington, from the same committee, reported a bill making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of members of the legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, assistant clerks, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

E. H. Chisholm.

Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of E. H. Chisholm, reported that it ought to pass.

Militia camp-grounds.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported that the resolve providing for certain expenses incurred in grading and draining the militia camp-grounds at Framingham, ought to pass.

State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of the State

Lunatic Hospital at Worcester, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported that the bill to provide for the custody and examination of the opinions of the supreme judicial court before their publication in the reports, ought to pass. Opinions of supreme judicial court.

These bills and resolves were severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

The bill relative to endorsers of promissory notes was considered. The question being on its rejection, the vote was taken and carried in the negative. The bill was accordingly placed in the orders of the day for its second reading to-morrow. Orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy, the bill to authorize the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company to guarantee certain bonds, and for other purposes, was recommitted to the committee on Railways with instructions to consider if the objects of the bill can be accomplished by a general law. Sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize Jarvis R. Nickerson and associates to construct a wharf in Barnstable ;

To authorize Nelson H. Bearse and associates to construct a wharf in Barnstable ;

To authorize the Boston Young Men's Christian Union to hold additional real and personal estate ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 27, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Moors of Greenfield.

Petitions Presented.

Highland Street
Railway.

By Mr. Granger of Boston, the petition of Marshall P. Wilder, E. D. Miller, Henry D. Smith and 155 others, residents of that part of Boston, formerly Dorchester, upon and near Washington Street, for an Act authorizing the Highland Street Railway Company to run its cars from Grove Hall to a point near Rev. Mr. Means's Church, so called, on said street. Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Army register
and national
flags.

By Mr. Wellington of Worcester, the petition of Alexander H. Bullock and others, that the resolutions passed by the legislature of 1872, censuring Charles Sumner, be annulled and rescinded. Referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Abington.

By Mr. Keith of Abington, the remonstrance of J. L. Nash and 708 other legal voters of the town of Abington, against any division of said town.

Annexation of
Dracut.

By Mr. Hall of Dracut, the petition of John W. Peabody and Abel Coburn, selectmen of Dracut, for the annexation of the town of Dracut to the city of Lowell.

Abington.

By Mr. Jenkins of Abington, the remonstrance of A. S. Reed and 202 others, legal voters of Abington, and residents of that part of the town known as East Abington, against the petition of Washington Reed and others, for the division of said town of Abington.

Annexation of
Somerville.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, the petition of Edward A. Kingman and 40 others, in aid of the petition of Horace Haskins and others, for the annexation of Somerville to Boston.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Separate prison
for women.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, the petition of Judge J. A. Lowell, J. J. Williams, Bishop of Boston, Rev. Phillips Brooks and 761 others of Boston, for a separate prison for female convicts.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, the petition of Robert C. Winthrop, Thomas Parsons and 227 others of Brookline, for the same purpose.

Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

Leased building
in Pemberton
Square.

A communication from the commissioners on the State House, relative to the building leased by the State, in Pemberton Square, was referred to the committee on the State House.

Old South
Society.

By Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, the remonstrance of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, against the sale

of the Old South Church. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

A memorial was received from the executive committee of the Board of Education, asking for a better system of school supervision, etc. Referred to the committee on Education. Memorial—Board of Education.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Coveney of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply and Drainage be instructed to consider the expediency of amending chapter 304 of the statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1873, so far as it relates to the direction, nature and outlet of the main drains and sewers therein alluded to. Amendment of law concerning sewers and drains.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing that questions of law arising in actions in the superior court, in which trial by jury has been waived, may before or after a trial by a single judge, be reported for the determination of the supreme judicial court. Concerning cases in which trial by jury is waived.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Palmer of Boston, a bill in addition to an Act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, which, on motion of the same gentleman, was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed. Sale of liquor.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that there be printed for the use of the legislature, the bill introduced into the Senate of the United States by Charles Sumner, providing "that the names of battles with fellow-citizens shall not be continued on the army register or placed on regimental colors of the United States," together with a resolution passed by the legislature of Massachusetts, A. D. 1872, entitled, "Resolution relating to the bill pending in Congress concerning the army registers and the national flags." Army register and national flags.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a joint special committee on Woman Suffrage, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed, Woman suffrage.

to whom all matters pertaining to this subject shall be referred.

Bills :

Equitable Life
Assurance So-
ciety.

To authorize the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, of New York, to hold real estate in this Commonwealth ; and

Lynn Home for
Aged Women.

To incorporate the Lynn Home for Aged Women ;
Passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

Lenox Club.

A bill to incorporate the Lenox Club of Lenox, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Worcester and
Nashua Rail-
road.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House recommitted the Senate bill, to authorize the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company to guarantee certain bonds, and for other purposes, to the committee on Railways. The motion was carried, the motion to recommit was lost, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston, offered the following order, which was laid over until to-morrow, at the request of Mr. Codman of Boston :—

Advertising
hearing before
Railway Com-
mittee.

Ordered, That the committee on Railways be instructed to publish in the daily papers such notice as is necessary of their hearing on the bill in relation to the transportation of merchandise by railroad corporations, presented by Mr. Lewis of Walpole, accepted and referred to said committee.

Reports of Committees.

Odd Fellows'
Hall Associa-
tion of Law-
rence.

Mr. Noyes of North Bridgewater, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of James S. Hutchinson and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Lawrence. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The report of the committee on Rules and Orders was accepted, and the schedule of rules and orders reported, was adopted.

Resolves :

In favor of E. H. Chisholm ;

In favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester ;

To provide the town of Medfield with certain laws and documents ; and

Providing for certain expenses incurred in grading and draining the militia camp-grounds at Framingham ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To provide for the custody and examination of the opinions of the supreme judicial court before their publication in the reports ; and

Making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of members of the legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, assistant clerks, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill relative to endorsers of promissory notes was read and so amended as to provide that the Act should not apply to contracts made prior to October 1, 1874, and was ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend section 1 of chapter 91 of the General Statutes, relative to the descent and distribution of property, was amended, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Ordered, That there be printed five hundred copies of House Document No. 16, in addition to the usual number printed. Rules and orders.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 28, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Sprague of Framingham, the petition of B. T. Manson, James W. Clark, George Phipps and 134 others of Framingham, in favor of the bill to repeal chapter 119 of the Acts of 1873, being an Act to extend the Hopkinton Railroad. Referred to the committee on Railways. Hopkinton Railroad.

By Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, the petition of S. B. Phinney, J. B. D. Cogswell and 149 others of Barnstable County, for a separate prison for female convicts. Prison for female convicts.

Prison for
female convicts.

By Mr. Fisher of Franklin, the petition of J. T. Massey, Eliab Wright and 74 others of Bellingham, for the same purpose.

Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

Annexation of
Dracut to
Lowell.

By Mr. Hall of Dracut, the remonstrance of Milton Fox and 228 others, legal voters of Dracut, against the annexation of a part of that town to the city of Lowell.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Equal taxation.

By Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, the petition of B. B. Bodfish and others of Barnstable, for equal and just taxation. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Chester C.
Conant.

By Mr. Lamb of Greenfield, the petition of Chester C. Conant, judge of probate for the county of Franklin, for compensation for services as acting judge of probate for the county of Hampshire. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Taxation of
bank shares.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, the petition of the Townsend National Bank, for a change in the law in regard to the taxation of bank shares in national banks. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Boston Deaf
Mute's Library
Association.

By the same gentleman, the petition of the Boston Deaf Mute's Library Association, for state aid.

Also, the petitions of Rev. A. C. Thompson and others, and Thomas Shackford and others, in aid of the same.

Severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

American Edu-
cation Society,
&c.

By Mr. Sanford of Taunton, the petition of the American Education Society, and the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education, for an Act of union.

Christian So-
ciety of Lynn.

By Mr. Sanger of Danvers, the petition of the Christian Society of Lynn, for leave to sell property.

Evangelical So-
ciety of Lynn.

By Mr. Field of Leominster, the petition of the Evangelical Society in Leominster, for a change of name.

Old South
Society.

By Mr. Fiske of Needham, the remonstrances of Harriet Gray and 25 others, and of Ellen Gray and 10 others; by Mr. Crocker of Boston, the remonstrances of Uriel Crocker and 12 others, and of Matilda S. Buck and 17 others, past and present members of the Old South Church; by Mr. Winslow of Worcester, the remonstrance of Henry T. Cheever and others of Worcester; and by Mr. Perkins of Boston, the remonstrance of H. G. Spaulding and others,—all against granting the petition of the Old South Society.

Severally referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Adams of Quincy, the petition of Lysander Rich and 11 others, for the abolition of the death penalty. Death penalty.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, the petition of C. L. Bartlett and others, consuls, vice-consuls and consular agents in Boston, for a change in the laws to prevent the desertion of crews of vessels. Desertion of crews of vessels.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing that all records of attachment and levies of executions upon real estate shall be made in registries of deeds, instead of in the offices of clerks of courts. Records of attachment, &c.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways inquire into the expediency of providing by a general law for all cases where the credit of any railway incorporated under the laws of this Commonwealth may be pledged for the security or redemption of any loan, or liability of any railway, incorporated by any other state. Pledging of credit by railways.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways be instructed to procure a railroad map of the state, at an expense not to exceed two hundred dollars. State railway map.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Chicopee,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery inquire into the expediency of making further provisions of law in regard to the sales of real estate by administrators and executors by license of probate court, so as to render the title under such sales valid in the purchaser. Sales of real estate.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Danvers,—

Ordered, That the Tax Commissioner return to the House as full a statement as practicable of all the property in this Commonwealth exempted from taxation by law, now held for religious, charitable, educational or other Property exempt from taxation.

purposes ; and where the definite value may not be known, to give an approximate valuation of the same.

Transportation
of merchandise.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Bigelow of Boston, and laid over until to-day, concerning the publishing of a notice of the hearing to be had before the committee on Railways on the bill for the transportation of merchandise by railroads, was rejected.

Papers from the Senate.

Lynn Street
Railway.

The petition of the Lynn City Street Railway Company, for extension of its route and other purposes, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

Hawkers and
pedlers' law.

The petition of P. L. Buell and 95 others, for a modification of the hawkers and pedlers' law, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Manufactures.

Prison for
women.

The petition of Emory Washburn and others, for the establishment of a separate prison for women, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Troy and
Greenfield Rail-
road.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Boston, the message of His Excellency the Governor, transmitting the report of surveys and investigations relative to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Sent up for concurrence.

Liquor law.

On motion of Mr. Harris of Wrentham, the bill in addition to an Act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

Bills :

To incorporate the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Lawrence ;

To authorize the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, of New York, to hold real estate in this Commonwealth ; and

To incorporate the Lynn Home for Aged Women ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company to guarantee certain bonds, and for other

purposes, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolve to provide the town of Medfield with certain laws and documents, was read and amended, on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester was read and amended, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To provide for the custody and examination of the opinions of the supreme judicial court before their publication in the reports ;

Making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of members of the legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, assistant clerks, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes ; and

Resolves :

Providing for certain expenses incurred in grading and draining the militia camp-grounds at Framingham ; and

In favor of E. H. Chisholm ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill relative to endorsers of promissory notes was amended, on motion of Mr. Johnson of Lowell and Mr. Crocker of Boston, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

An engrossed bill, to authorize the appointment of two additional masters in chancery in the county of Suffolk (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 29, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Cushing of Hingham, the petition of Joseph Jacobs and others, for the rescission of the resolution of Army register and national battle-flags.

1872, relative to the army register and battle-flags. Referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Annexation of
Somerville to
Boston.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, the petition of John W. Vinal and 153 others, in aid of the petition of Horace Haskins and others, for the annexation of Somerville to Boston.

Annexation of
Cambridge to
Boston.

By Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, the remonstrances of John Livermore and 84 others, and Daniel U. Chamberlain and 39 others, and of Robert Douglass and others, against the annexation of Cambridge to Boston.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Old South
Society.

By Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, the remonstrance of John I. Babson and 100 legal voters of Gloucester, against authority being granted to sell the land on which the Old South Church Meeting-house stands, in Boston. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Separate prison
for female con-
victs.

By Mr. Robinson of Newton, the petition of William Claflin and 92 others of Newton; and by Mr. Southworth of Williamstown, the petition of Mark Hopkins, P. A. Chadbourne, John Bascom and 105 others of Williamstown, both in favor of a separate prison for female convicts. Referred to the committee on Prisons.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Fire department
of Lynn.

By Mr. Buffum of Lynn, the petition of Jacob M. Lewis, mayor of Lynn, asking for such legislation as will confer upon the fire department of said city, the right of way while going to a fire.

District court of
East Norfolk.

By Mr. Adams of Quincy, the petition of the justice and clerk of the district court of East Norfolk, for an increase of salary.

Division of
Plymouth
County.

By Mr. Shaw of Middleborough, the petition of J. C. Sullivan and 75 others of Middleborough, for a division of the county of Plymouth into judicial districts.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton,—

Newton Savings
Bank.

Ordered, That the joint standing committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of changing the name of "The Institution for Savings in the town of Newton" to that of "Newton Savings Bank."

Sent up for concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

Concord—
monument.

By Mr. Moore of Concord, a bill to authorize the town of Concord to raise money for a monument and its dedica-

tion. Referred to the committee on Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

The annual report of the inspector of gas and gas-meters was received; and on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Gas and gas-meters.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Robert C. Pitman, Wm. J. Rotch and 783 others of New Bedford, in favor of a separate prison for female convicts, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Separate prison for female convicts.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Fisheries inquire into the expediency of altering or amending chapter 195 for 1873, so that two or more adjoining towns into whose limits a pond or ponds extend, may join in lease or otherwise, for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes.

Cultivation of useful fishes.

A bill concerning elections in cities, which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Elections in cities.

The report of the joint committee on Printing, to whom was referred the statement of advertising expenses of the legislative committees of 1873, recommending that the matter of committee advertising be left to the committees on Printing of each branch acting as a joint committee, with full powers, accepted by the Senate, came down and was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Committee advertising for 1873.

The Speaker joined the following named gentlemen as members of the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage on the part of the House: Messrs. John E. Fitzgerald of Boston, Mason of Plymouth, Gilbert of Gloucester, Blunt of Haverhill, Wilson of Boston, Tyler of North Brookfield, Knox of Lawrence and Gray of Springfield.

Woman suffrage.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Jenkins of Abington, from the committee on Finance, reported that no action is required on the Auditor's statement of the salaries and other expenses of his department for 1873.

Auditor's expenses.

Mr. Loud of Winchendon, from the same committee, reported that no action is necessary on the Secretary's

Secretary's expenses.

statement of the expenses and receipts of his department for 1873.

Public health.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending section 1 of chapter 166 of the General Statutes, relating to the public health.

South Abington
and East
Bridgewater.

Mr. Hayes of Medford, from the committee on Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of W. L. Reed and 428 others, that South Abington and East Bridgewater be set off as a new town.

Mutual insur-
ance companies.

Mr. Pope of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the enacting of a general law for the extension of charters of mutual insurance companies.

Towns—rail-
way stock.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on Railways, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the repeal of so much of chapters 64 and 325, Acts of 1870, as authorizes towns to subscribe for railway stock, &c.

John Tewks-
bury.

Mr. Judd of Lee, from the committee on Elections, reported on the petition of Thomas J. Anderson, a resolution declaring vacant the seat of John Tewksbury of ward 3, Boston, he not having been eligible from said ward.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Sidewalks in
cities and
towns.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to sidewalks, reported a bill concerning sidewalks in cities and in towns of more than eight thousand inhabitants.

Appropriation
bills.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill making appropriations for expenses of the State almshouse, the State prison, the reform school at Westborough, the industrial school for girls, the Bridgewater workhouse, the State primary school at Monson, and for other purposes.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported a bill in further addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year.

Mutual Life In-
surance Com-
pany of New
York.

Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, from the committee on Insurance, reported in a new draft the bill to authorize the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, to hold additional real estate in this Commonwealth.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Luther and others, for an amendment of the law relative to licensing pedlers, asked to be discharged from further consideration of the matter, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on Manufactures. Under a suspension of the rule, the report was considered and accepted. The petition was referred as recommended, and sent up for concurrence. Pedler's
licenses.

Mr. Granger of Boston, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, reported that the resolve providing for expense incurred in supervision of the Hoosac Tunnel, ought to pass. Referred in course to committee on Finance. Hoosac Tunnel.

Mr. Bassett of Easthampton, from the committee on Claims, reported a resolve in favor of Sarah M. Tuttle. Sarah M. Tuttle.

Mr. Gates of Groton, from the same committee, reported a resolve in favor of Ephraim H. Sweetser. Ephraim H.
Sweetser.

These resolves were severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

The bill to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Lawrence was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the
day.

Bills :

To authorize the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, of New York, to hold real estate in this Commonwealth ; and

To incorporate the Lynn Home for Aged Women ;

Were read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

An engrossed bill, concerning the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Central Railroad Company (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 30, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*Woman suf-
frage.

By Mr. Field of Leominster, the petition of Solon Raymond and 33 others of Westminster; by Mr. Boutwell of Andover, the petition of James H. Stinson and 26 others, citizens of Andover; by Mr. Tyler of North Brookfield, the petition of H. P. Bartlett and 52 others, citizens of North Brookfield; by Mr. Howard of West Bridgewater, the petition of Joseph Kingman and 31 others, citizens of West Bridgewater; by Mr. McCleave of Nantucket, the petition of William H. Crosby and 98 others, citizens of Nantucket; by Mr. Pratt of Mansfield, the petition of S. C. Beach and 33 others, citizens of Norton; and by Mr. Whiting of Pembroke, the petition of Francis Colamore and 81 others, citizens of Pembroke,—all for woman suffrage. Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Abington.

By Mr. Keith of Abington, the remonstrance of Benjamin Hobart and 174 others, against any division of the town of Abington. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Sale of intoxicating liquors.

By Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, the petition of the Chelsea Temperance Reform Club, for the retention of the present laws relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Wm. H. Black.

By Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea, the petition of William H. Black, for authority to extend his wharf in Chelsea.

Bridge across Charles River.

By Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, the petition of the mayor of Cambridge, for a bridge across Charles River. Severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

Old South Church.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, the remonstrance of W. E. Park, Aaron Ordway, Charles W. Bell and 37 others, against the sale of the Old South Meeting-House. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Quincy Mutual Insurance Co.

By Mr. Adams of Quincy, the petition of Israel W. Munroe and others, for a renewal of the charter of the Quincy Mutual Insurance Company. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Hollis of Braintree, the petition of G. H. Arnold and 14 others of Braintree; by Mr. Rice of Barre, the petition of John M. Holman and 110 others of Petersham; by Mr. Reade of Milford, the petition of M. Richardson and 185 others; and by Mr. Moors of Greenfield, the petition of W. T. Davis and 72 others of Greenfield,—all for a separate prison for female convicts. Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

Separate prison
for female con-
victs.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Mason of Plymouth, the petition of William H. Whitman, clerk of the courts for Plymouth County, for an increase of salary.

Wm. H. Whit-
man.

By the same gentleman, the petition of William T. Davis and 25 others, for the establishment of a district court for the eastern part of the county of Plymouth.

District court
for Plymouth
County.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Wright of Great Barrington, a bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the district court of Southern Berkshire.

Clerk of dis-
trict court for
Southern Berk-
shire.

By Mr. Fiske of Needham, a bill concerning the eligibility of women to serve on school committees.

Women on
school com-
mittees.

Severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Cole of Cheshire,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section four of chapter seventy of the General Statutes, by inserting after the word "consanguinity" the words "or by marriage."

Support of
paupers by
cities and towns.

The annual report of the Treasurer and Receiver-General was received and laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Treasurer and
Receiver-Gen-
eral.

Papers from the Senate.

The petitions of Hiland Lockwood and others, W. H. P. Wright and 336 others, citizens of Lawrence, and S. S. Campbell and 146 others, citizens of Haverhill, for woman suffrage, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Woman suf-
frage.

The petition of E. A. Hubbard and 258 others of Fitchburg, for a separate prison for female convicts, was referred in concurrence, to the committee on Prisons.

Separate prison
for female con-
victs.

Woman suf-
frage.

Information was received from the Senate of the appointment of Messrs. Washburn, Stickney and Mason, members of the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage, on the part of that branch.

Centennial
celebration.

A resolution requesting members of Congress to encourage the centennial celebration, by approval of reasonable appropriations for that project, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Federal Relations.

Alewife Brook.

The report of the committee on Fisheries, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of the city of Cambridge relative to Alewife Brook, and recommending that the petition be referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reports of Committees.

Mileage.

Mr. Thomas F. Fitz Gerald of Boston, from the committee on the Pay-Roll, reported a schedule of mileage of the members of the House, and an order concerning the same, which were laid over until to-morrow at the request of Mr. Kimball of Boston.

Henry D. Lay.

Mr. Judd of Lee, from the committee on Elections, reported on the petitions of Henry D. Lay and Charles M. Brown, asking for a recount of the representative votes of the first Essex District, that Henry D. Lay is entitled to a seat as the representative from said district. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Lenox Club.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that the Senate bill to incorporate the Lenox Club of Lenox, ought to pass, with an amendment providing that the property of said corporation shall not be exempt from taxation. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Winchester—
water supply
from Woburn.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, reported a bill to repeal section 10 of chapter 307 of the Acts of 1871, authorizing the town of Winchester to take water from the water-pipes and reservoir of the town of Woburn. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

On motion of Mr. Morss of Newburyport, the report of the committee on Printing, on the statement of advertis-

ing expenses of various committees of the legislature of 1873, recommending that the whole matter of committee advertising be left to the committees on Printing of the Senate and House of Representatives, acting as a joint committee, with full power, was recommitted to the joint committee on Printing with instructions to report a bill or joint rule of the two Houses, regulating the advertising expenses of committees. Sent up for concurrence.

The reports of the committee on Finance, that no action is required on the Auditor's statement of the salaries and other expenses of his department for 1873; and that no action is necessary on the Secretary's statement of the expenses and receipts of his department for 1873, were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending section 1 of chapter 166 of the General Statutes, relating to the public health, was accepted.

The reports :

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of W. L. Reed and 428 others, that South Abington and East Bridgewater be set off as a new town ;

Of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the enacting of a general law for the extension of charters of mutual insurance companies ; and

Of the committee on Railways, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the repeal of so much of chapters 64 and 325, Acts of 1870, as authorizes towns to subscribe for railway stock, etc. ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Elections, on the petition of Thomas J. Anderson, with a resolution declaring vacant the seat of John Tewksbury of Ward 3, Boston, he not having been eligible from said ward, was considered.

The resolution was amended by striking out the words, "Ward Three, of Boston," and inserting the words, "Third Representative District of the county of Suffolk." The report was then accepted and the resolution adopted.

Bills :

Concerning sidewalks in cities and in towns of more than eight thousand inhabitants ;

Making appropriations for expenses of the State almshouse, the State prison, the reform school at Westborough, the industrial school for girls, the Bridgewater workhouse, the State primary school at Monson, and for other purposes ;

In further addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year ; and

To authorize the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York to hold additional real estate in this Commonwealth ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill passed.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of members of the legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, assistant clerks, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 31, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Bailey of Georgetown, the petition of Moody Ordway and 31 others, citizens of Groveland ; and by Mr. Haynes of Berlin, the petitions of Daniel H. Carter and 12 others, and of Addison G. Smith and 74 others, citizens of Berlin, for woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage, and sent up for concurrence.

Army register and battle-flags.

By Mr. Bailey of Georgetown, the petition of Henry P. Chaplin and 40 others ; by Mr. Haynes of Berlin, the petition of Alexander Johnston and 70 others ; and by Mr. Seaver of Boston, the petition of Henry B. Hill and others, all for the rescinding of the Sumner resolutions.

Severally ordered to be placed on file, with the report of the committee on that subject.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, transmitting an abstract of the certificates of corporations organized under the general laws of Massachusetts. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Certificates of corporations.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the statutes, so as to provide that breaking and entering of the freight or passenger car of any railroad, with intent to steal therein, shall be punished as is now provided for feloniously breaking and entering a shop or other building. Breaking and entering of railroad cars.

On motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield,—

Ordered, That the joint special committee upon Just and Equal Taxation consider the expediency of amending the laws relative to the taxation of mortgaged property. Sent up for concurrence. Taxation of mortgaged property.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Robinson of Newton, a bill concerning the withdrawal of appeals in criminal cases. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Appeals in criminal cases.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Edward Crane and associates, to be incorporated as the Atlantic and Ontario Railway Trust Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railways. Edward Crane et al.

The petitions of J. Ingersoll Bowditch and 50 others, of Jamaica Plain, and John G. Whittier and 13 others, for a separate prison for female convicts, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons. Prison for female convicts.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Smith of Cambridge, from the committee on Federal Relations, reported that the resolution concerning a centennial celebration of the declaration of independence ought to pass in a new draft. The report and resolution were read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday. Celebration of American independence.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Pay Roll, with a schedule of mileage of the members of the House, and an order Orders of the day.

for the payment of two thousand and fifty dollars, being the aggregate amount for mileage, was accepted, and the schedule and order were adopted.

The report of the committee on Fisheries, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of the city of Cambridge, relative to Alewife Brook, and recommending that the petition be referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, was accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Elections, on the petitions of Henry D. Lay and Charles M. Brown, asking for a recount of the representative votes of the first Essex District, was accepted. The committee found that Henry D. Lay was entitled to the seat from said district.

The amendment to the Senate bill to incorporate the Lenox Club of Lenox, reported by the committee on the Judiciary, providing that the property of said corporation shall not be exempt from taxation, was adopted, and the bill was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to repeal section 10 of chapter 307 of the acts of 1871, authorizing the town of Winchester to take water from the water-pipes and reservoir of the town of Woburn, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning sidewalks in cities and in towns of more than eight thousand inhabitants, was considered.

Mr. Codman of Boston, moved to amend by adding a new section. Pending the question on the amendment, the bill, on motion of Mr. Boynton of Westborough, was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

Making appropriations for expenses of the State almshouse, the State prison, the reform school at Westborough, the industrial school for girls, the Bridgewater workhouse, the State primary school at Monson, and for other purposes (amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston) ;

In further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year ; and

To authorize the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York to hold additional real estate in this Commonwealth (amended on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Engrossed bills :

Making appropriation for the maintenance of the gov- Bills passed.
ernment for the present year (which originated in the
House of Representatives) ; and

To authorize the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Com-
pany to guarantee certain bonds, and for other purposes
(which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to
the Senate.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 2, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Stebbins of Chelsea, the petition of Charles H. Bath-houses at
Ferson, mayor of Chelsea, for authority to maintain bath- Chelsea Bridge.
ing-houses at Chelsea Bridge, outside of the commission-
ers' line.

By Mr. Robinson of Falmouth, the petition of the Men- Menahant
auhant Land and Wharf Company, to build a wharf in Co.
Falmouth.

Severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

By Mr. Robinson of Falmouth, the petition of Russell Savings bank at
D. Farris and 73 others, of South Yarmouth, for a savings South Yar-
bank at South Yarmouth. mouth.

Also, the petition of Hiram Loring and 22 others, of
Dennis, in aid of the same.

By Mr. Ginnodo of Attleborough, the petition of W. M. W. M. Fisher
Fisher and others, of Attleborough, for incorporation as et als.
the Central Banking and Trust Company, of Attleborough.

Severally referred to the committee on Banks and Bank-
ing.

By Mr. Rice of Barre, the petition of Francis D. Rice Woman suf-
and 98 others, citizens of Barre, for woman suffrage. frage.
Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petition of the Boston, Barre and Gardner
Barre and Gardner Railroad, for extension of time in R. R.
locating and constructing its road. Referred to the
committee on Railways.

Annexation of
Cambridge to
Boston.

By Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, the remonstrances of Isaac Livermore and 57 others; William L. Whitney and 70 others, and Joel S. Orne and 138 others, all against the passage of an act annexing the city of Cambridge to the city of Boston.

Annexation of
Chelsea.

By Mr. Stebbins of Chelsea, the petition of Rufus S. Frost and 850 others, for the annexation of Chelsea to Boston.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Army register
and battle-flags.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the petition of R. T. Davis and 36 others, citizens of Fall River, for the rescinding of the Sumner resolutions. Placed on file.

Slaughter-
houses.

By Mr. Howes of Reading, the petition of the selectmen of Reading, North Reading and Wilmington, to amend chapter 167, acts of 1871; relative to slaughter-houses.

Bass River
Lodge I. O. of
O. F.

By Mr. Porter of Beverly, the petition of Winthrop E. Perry and others, members of the Bass River Lodge of Odd Fellows, of Beverly, for an act making valid the title to a certain piece of real estate.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Introduced on Leave.

Judgment and
execution.

By Mr. Robinson of Newton, a bill to amend chapter 133 of the General Statutes, being an act concerning judgment and execution. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

Examination of
state securities.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Finance, with such as the Senate may join, be a committee to examine and report upon the condition of the securities in charge of the Treasurer of the Commonwealth. Sent up for concurrence.

Precept—third
Suffolk district.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Speaker of the House issue his precept for an election to fill the vacancy existing in the third representative district of the county of Suffolk.

Papers from the Senate.

Foreign insur-
ance companies.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Insurance be requested to report on the necessity or expediency

of providing by general law, that foreign insurance companies duly authorized to transact business in this Commonwealth, may hold real estate, and, if expedient, under what restrictions.

A bill in addition to an act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out a public street or way across South Bay, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Harbors.

The petition of the Arlington Five Cents Savings Bank, for leave to hold real estate, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the order relative to taxation of incomes, asked to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and that it be referred to the joint committee on Just and Equal Taxation. The report was accepted, under a suspension of the rule.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also asked to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of Mrs. L. M. Warner and others, and the bill to amend chapter 165 of the acts of 1861, and that they be referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. This report was also accepted, under a suspension of the rule.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported that the Senate bill concerning elections in cities ought to pass, with an amendment, inserting a new section in place of section two. The report and bill were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of George W. Cann, reported a bill to establish the salary of the clerk of the police court of Fitchburg, which was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

The resolution concerning a centennial celebration of the Declaration of Independence, reported by the committee on Federal Relations in a new draft, was amended on motion of Mr. Mason of Plymouth and Mr. Kimball of Boston, and then adopted; and under a suspension of the rule requiring the Clerk to retain the same for purposes of reconsideration, was sent up for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Lenox Club, of Lenox, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to repeal section 10 of chapter 307 of the acts of 1871, authorizing the town of Winchester to take water from the water-pipes and reservoir of the town of Woburn, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 3, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Annexation of
part of Tewks-
bury to Lowell.

By Mr. Johnson of Lowell, the petition of the mayor of Lowell, for the annexation of a portion of the town of Tewksbury to the city of Lowell.

Annexation of
Buckland and
Shelburne.

By Mr. Lamb of Greenfield, the petition of Chauncey L. Spear and others, tax-payers in the towns of Buckland and Shelburne, praying that said towns may be united in one township under the name of "Shelburne Falls."

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Patrick
Buckley.

By Mr. Brayton of Adams, the petition of Patrick Buckley for state aid.

Jane Parks.

By Mr. Coveney of Cambridge, the petition of Jane Parks of Cambridge, that state aid be further continued.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Prison for
female convicts.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petition of Mary A. Dodge and 40 others of Hamilton; and by Mr. Buffum of Lynn, the petition of John B. Alley and 193 others of Lynn, in favor of a separate prison for women. Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

Warren Cotton
Mills.

By Mr. Shaw of Boston, the petition of the Warren Cotton Mills, for an increase of capital stock. Referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Just and equal
taxation.

By Mr. Fiske of Needham, the petition of Hugh Graham and 597 others; by Mr. Perkins of Boston, the petition of Andrew Strickland and 136 others of Randolph; and by Mr. Shaw of Boston, the petition of H. B. Fletcher and 67 others of West Boylston; all for just and equal taxation. Severally referred to the committee on that subject.

By Mr. Hall of Upton, the petition of Aaron Holmes and 33 others, citizens of Upton; by Mr. Gates of Groton, the petition of Alfred Boynton and 79 others, citizens of Pepperell; by Mr. Sibley of Auburn, the petition of Samuel Firth and 107 others; by Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the petition of S. Smith Chase and 110 others, citizens of Fall River; and by Mr. Johnson of Lowell, the petition of Asa Clement and 62 others; all for woman suffrage. Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Stearns of Boston, the petition of Scudder, Bartlett and Company, praying for relief against the Boston and Albany Railroad. Referred to the committee on Railways.

Scudder, Bartlett & Co.

By Mr. Perkins of Boston, the petition of James Freeman Clarke and others, executive committee of the Suffolk Conference, for a change in the laws of settlement. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Settlement laws.

By Mr. Mason of Plymouth, the remonstrance of William T. Davis and 115 others, against the sale of the Old South Church. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Old South Society.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, the petition of J. P. Squire and Company and others, for an amendment to chapter 167, Acts of 1871, so as to allow of an appeal to trial by jury. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Slaughter-houses.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Sanford of Taunton, the petition of William E. Fuller, register of probate and insolvency for the county of Bristol, for an increase of salary and provision for clerical assistance. Referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Register of probate, etc., for Bristol.

By Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, the petition of Joseph Tucker and others, in favor of increasing the salary of the clerk of the district court for Central Berkshire.

District court for Central Berkshire.

By Mr. Wiley of Boston, the petition of William S. Stearns and others, in aid of the petition of the justice and clerk of the Charlestown district police court, for an increase of their salaries.

Charlestown district police court.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Pratt of Mansfield, the petition of C. T. Borden and 29 others, for a savings bank in Mansfield, was taken from the files of last year and referred to

C. T. Borden et al.

the committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Attorney-General's report.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the annual report of the Attorney-General was taken from the table and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Troy and Greenfield R. R.

Mr. Granger of Boston offered an order, providing for the printing of twelve hundred copies of House Document No. 9, being a report relative to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, with accompanying map, for the use of the Legislature. Referred to the joint committee on Printing, and sent up for concurrence.

Lenox Water Co.

Mr. Hull of Stockbridge asked leave to introduce a bill concerning the Lenox Water Company of Lenox, but the Speaker ruled that the bill was excluded by the 46th rule of the House. The same gentleman then moved to suspend the 46th rule, so that the bill could be introduced, but the House refused to suspend the rule.

Henry D. Lay qualified.

Mr. Henry D. Lay of West Newbury, who, by vote of the House, had been declared entitled to a seat as a representative from the First Essex District, being present and ready to be qualified, was conducted to the council chamber by Mr. Judd of Lee, and having been duly qualified, took his seat in the House.

Papers from the Senate.

East Boston ferry-boat landing.

A bill to authorize the city of Boston to take and hold land and other property for a landing for the East Boston ferry-boats, which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred in course to the committee on the Judiciary.

Army register and battle-flags.

The remonstrance of George H. Hoyt against rescinding and annulling the resolution concerning the army register and national flags, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Federal Relations.

West Springfield—water supply.

The remonstrance of J. O. Moseley and others, against the petition of J. L. Worthy and others, to supply the inhabitants of West Springfield with water, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Reports of Committees.

Licensing of inn-holders, etc.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending the law concerning the licensing of

innholders and common victuallers, so as to provide that licenses may be revoked at the discretion of the authority granting them. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Whiting of Pembroke, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported that the Senate bill to authorize the Maverick Congregational Society of Boston to sell real estate, and for other purposes, ought to pass with an amendment. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Maverick Congregational Society.

Orders of the Day.

The bill concerning elections in cities was considered. The amendment proposed by the committee on the Judiciary, inserting a new section in place of section 2, was adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the day.

Engrossed bills :

To incorporate the Lynn Home for Aged Women ; and

Bills passed.

To authorize "The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States" of New York to hold additional real estate in this Commonwealth ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 4, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Moors of Greenfield.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Johnson of Lowell, the petition of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society of Lowell, for an act of incorporation.

Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society.

By Mr. Smith of Cambridge, the petition of Rufus R. Wade and 184 others, for such modifications of chapter 167, acts of 1871, as will secure to parties prosecuted under said statute the right of trial by jury.

Slaughter-houses.

By Mr. Haskins of Somerville, the petition of Rensselaer Knight and others of Somerville, for the same purpose.

Do.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Annexation of
Tewksbury to
Lowell.

By Mr. Hill of Lowell, the petition of John A. Knowles and 26 others of Lowell, for the annexation of a portion of Tewksbury to Lowell.

Abington.

By Mr. Jenkins of Abington, the remonstrance of Henry Denham and 17 others, against the petition of Washington Reed and others, for a division of Abington.

Do.

By Mr. Keith of Abington, the remonstrance of Joseph Vaughn and 219 legal voters of the town of Abington, against any division of said town.

Annexation of
Shelburne and
Buckland.

By Mr. Moors of Greenfield, the remonstrances of Charles M. Duncan and 132 others, and Arnold Smith and 141 others, tax-payers of Shelburne and Buckland respectively, against the petition of C. L. Spear and others, for a union of said towns.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Agawam.

By Mr. Seymour of Granville, the petition of the selectmen of the town of Agawam, for relief in regard to maintaining a ferry between that town and the city of Springfield. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Old South
Society.

By Mr. Moors of Greenfield, the remonstrance of Mary T. Stratton and 35 others of Northfield, against the sale of the Old South Church in Boston. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Boston Protec-
tive Depart-
ment.

By Mr. Coveney of Cambridge, the petition of George A. Curtis and 11 others, for incorporation as the Boston Protective Department. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

Springfield—
water supply.

By Mr. Shaw of Springfield, the petition of Horace Jacobs and 40 others of West Springfield, against the petition of J. L. Worthy and others.

Miller's River.

By Mr. Smith of Cambridge, the remonstrance of R. L. Sawin and 181 others, citizens of Cambridge, against any change in chapter 304 of the acts of 1873, being "an act for the abatement of a nuisance in Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities."

Do.

By Mr. Haskins of Somerville, the remonstrance of Charles A. Cushman and others of Somerville, against any change of said act.

Severally referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Prison for
female convicts.

By Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, the petition of M. L. Wetherell and 165 others of Gloucester; and by Mr.

Boynton of Westborough, the petition of E. B. B. Fay and 69 others of Southborough, for the establishment of a separate prison for female convicts. Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

By Mr. Keith of Abington, the petition of George W. Wood and 333 others of Abington; by Mr. Carr of Ashby, the petition of John Whitely and 108 others, citizens of Harvard and Shirley; by Mr. Porter of Beverly, the petition of Francis A. Smith and 182 others; by Mr. Lamb of Greenfield, the petition of C. M. Moody and 81 others; by Mr. Higginbottom of Holyoke, the petition of James Wild and others; by Mr. Williams of Douglas, the petition of J. A. Dresser and others; by Mr. Fiske of Needham, the petition of John F. Mayo and 41 others; and by Mr. Rich of Royalston, the petition of S. Sibley and 230 others of Athol; all for woman suffrage. Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, the petitions of Lewis F. Merrill and others, and S. P. Osborne of Boston, and 291 others from Boston, Worcester and Quincy; by Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the petition of Emory Gage of Athol and 117 others from Athol and Quincy; by Mr. Harris of Wrentham, the petition of Alvah Morrison and 218 others from Braintree and other towns; by Mr. Fiske of Needham, the petition of D. W. Cooke of Worcester and 216 others from Worcester and other towns; by Mr. Jones of Boston, the petition of Alonzo Danforth of Boston and 203 others; by Mr. Winslow of Worcester, the petition of J. D. Seagrave of Worcester and 210 others from Worcester and Georgetown; and by Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, the petition of E. Fleming of West Newton and 219 others from various towns, all for just and equal taxation; also a communication from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, transmitting a statement of the aggregates of polls, property and taxes as assessed May 1, 1873. Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Just and equal taxation.

Aggregates of polls, etc.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Whiting of Pembroke,—

Ordered, That the joint standing committee on Prisons, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's address as relates to prisons, jails and houses of correction, be instructed to take into especial consideration the abuses alleged to exist in those institutions, namely, the incarcer-

Alleged abuses at prisons, jails, etc.

ation of persons merely accused of offences, and persons convicted of light offences, with convicted felons of the worst description; and the defective arrangements by which some of those institutions are filled to overflowing, while others are nearly empty, and in consequence of which no provision is made for instruction or labor, with a view to determine whether this state of things arises from want of statutory regulations, or defective administration of existing laws. To report by bill, or otherwise, what legislation is needful in the premises.

Sent up for concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

Support of
wives and
minors.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, a bill for the better support of wives and minor children. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Assessment of
taxes.

By Mr. Fiske of Needham, a bill to repeal sections 41 and 42 of chapter 11 of the General Statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation. Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Mortgages of
personal prop-
erty.

A bill in relation to recording mortgages of personal property, which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was referred in course to the committee on the Judiciary.

Eastern Rail-
road Co.

A bill in addition to an act to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take lands for freight purposes in Charlestown, and for other purposes, introduced on leave in the Senate and referred to the committee on Railways, came down for concurrence.

The Speaker called the attention of the House to the bill, with reference to the application of the 46th rule of the House thereto. He stated that it was clearly a bill affecting the rights of the railroad corporation named therein. It made no difference whether it affected the rights of the corporation favorably or unfavorably; whether it conferred or took away rights. In either case, it was within the terms of the rule, as affecting the rights of a private corporation; and, if leave to introduce the bill had originally been asked in the House, the Chair had no doubt that it would be his duty to rule it out under the 46th rule. But the bill had first been introduced on leave in the Senate, and now came down for concurrence.

Before deciding whether it was excluded under such circumstances by the 46th rule of the House, the Chair would be glad to hear the opinions of members of the committee who reported the code of House rules, and of other members, upon the question.

Several members spoke upon the bill and the application of the 46th rule thereto. The Speaker then said, that as no question of order had been distinctly raised for the ruling of the Chair he was glad to be relieved from ruling thereon, and would put the question to the House on concurring with the Senate in granting leave to introduce the bill, and would regard the decision of the House on that question as indicative of its judgment whether the Chair should receive or exclude in the future, under the 46th rule, bills of a like character under the same circumstances. But before putting the question he would, with the indulgence of the House, state more fully the reasons which induced him to bring this question distinctly to its attention.

In the first place, if the House permitted the introduction of this bill in concurrence with the Senate, it was evident that a bill, which it had been the duty of the Chair to rule out under the 46th rule of the House, might be taken to the Senate, there introduced on leave, and when it came down for concurrence, the Chair would be obliged to put the question to the House of concurring in the introduction of the same bill which had once been excluded by the Chair in obedience to the House rule. The Chair was informed that precisely this course had been taken in regard to another bill ruled out a day or two since. The Speaker did not think he ought to put the House or its presiding officer in such a position, without first distinctly calling the attention of the House to the fact, and asking its direction.

In another aspect, it was a question of importance whether matters should be introduced by bill on leave, or should come in by petition or order of inquiry. By the 99th rule of the House, Cushing's Manual was made an authority, supplementing its own specific code. Cushing says, § 321, a committee "can only consider the matter referred to it; and, consequently, is not at liberty, like the assembly itself, to change the subject under consideration by means of an amendment." If, therefore, a matter comes to a committee by bill introduced on leave, the committee cannot widen the scope of the bill. It is

restricted to the bill before it. Such, doubtless, was not the intention in the present case, but a railroad corporation might cause a bill to be introduced going just as far and no farther than the corporation was willing to run the risk of going, and the committee could not travel outside of the range of its provisions. On the other hand, if the matter came to the committee by petition or order of inquiry, the committee could frame and report such a bill as its judgment approved, being only restricted to the subject-matter set forth in the petition or order. It was not, therefore, a mere matter of form, but one of substantial importance, whether the House should allow subjects of legislation to be introduced in the one way or the other.

The question was then put on concurring with the Senate in granting leave to introduce the bill, and the House refused to concur.

Committee
advertising.

The report of the joint committee on Printing on the statement of expenses of committee advertising, which had been recommitted by the House to the joint committee on Printing, with instructions to report a bill or joint rule regulating such advertising, came down non-concurred in the reference, and referred to the committee on Joint Rules and Orders. The House concurred in the latter reference.

Lawrence.

A resolve in favor of the city of Lawrence, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Prison for
female convicts.

The petition of D. S. Richardson and 187 others of Lowell, for a separate prison for female convicts, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Boston and
Providence
R. R. Co.

The petition of the Boston and Providence Railroad Company, for leave to hold stock in steamboat companies, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Geo. M.
Weston.

The memorial of George M. Weston, for compensation for services and expenses rendered and incurred in 1859, under the authority of the governor of Massachusetts, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Merrimac Steam
Navigation Co.

The petitions of A. G. Clark, A. H. Webster and others, to be incorporated as the Merrimac Steam Navigation Company, and of Eugene Godin and others, to be incorporated as the French and National Union of Lawrence, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Eugene Godin
et als.

The petition of Daniel Needham, and certain other stockholders of the Townsend National Bank, in aid of the petition of said bank, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Daniel Needham et al.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, reported a resolve authorizing the Massachusetts Agricultural College to pay Ira Cook for injuries received while in the employ of said college. Referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Ira Cook.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the fees of witnesses before police courts and justices of the peace.

Fees of witnesses.

A majority of the committee on Elections, to whom was referred the petition of Charles A. Perry of Shutesbury, claiming the seat in the House occupied by Albert Montague, reported that said Perry was entitled to the seat occupied by said Montague. The report was signed by Messrs. Judd of Lee, Bonner of Boston, Merritt of Scituate, Seymour of Granville, and Hollis of Braintree. Messrs. Billings of Hatfield, and Hurlbut of Bolton, a minority of the committee, also presented their views in writing, recommending that said Perry have leave to withdraw.

Chas. A. Perry—Shutesbury contested election.

These reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Whiting of Pembroke, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported a bill to authorize the Christian Society in Lynn to sell certain property.

Christian Society in Lynn.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to change the time for holding the terms of the superior court in the county of Dukes County.

Dukes County superior court.

Mr. Whiting of Pembroke, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported a bill for the union of the American Education Society and the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education.

American Education Society and Society for Promotion of Collegiate Education.

Mr. Parker of Methuen, from the committee on Insurance, reported a bill to extend the time allowing certain fire insurance companies to increase their capital stock.

Fire insurance companies.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary (inexpedient to legislate) on the order relative to amending the law concerning the licensing of innholders and common victuallers, so as to provide that licenses may be revoked at the discretion of the authority granting them, was considered. Mr. Parker of New Bedford proposed a bill as a substitute therefor, but the bill was rejected and the report was accepted. The same gentleman moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House accepted the report, and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to authorize the Maverick Congregational Society of Boston to sell real estate, and for other purposes, was amended as recommended by the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, and ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning elections in cities was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize Nelson H. Bearse and associates to construct a wharf in Barnstable ;

To authorize Jarvis R. Nickerson and associates to construct a wharf in Barnstable ;

To authorize the Boston Young Men's Christian Union to hold additional real and personal estate ; and

To renew the appropriation for the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 5, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Old South Society.

By Mr. Dickinson of Amherst, the remonstrance of Leonard Withington and 127 other Congregational minis-

ters of Massachusetts, against the sale of the Old South Church. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

By Mr. Hull of Ipswich, the petition of Israel K. Jewett, Jr., and 83 others, for just and equal taxation. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

By Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, the petition of Charles L. Wood and others, for incorporation as the Masonic Building Association of New Bedford. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

By Mr. Shaw of Boston, the petition of Edward Chamberlain and 47 others, citizens of Boston, for a bridge from Boston to Cambridge. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

By Mr. Phillips of Springfield, the petitions of Rev. Dr. Buckingham and 54 others, and Mrs. H. Smith and 39 others of Springfield, for a state reformatory prison for women.

By Mr. Currier of Newburyport, the petition of David Wood and 209 others of Newburyport, for a separate prison for female convicts.

Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

By Mr. Hall of Upton, the petition of John C. Whiting and 77 others of Northbridge; and by Mr. Howard of Bridgewater, the petition of Lewis Holmes and 47 others of Bridgewater, for the rescinding of the Sumner resolutions. Severally referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

By Mr. Blood of Lowell, the petition of J. P. Folsom and 34 others of Lowell, for the annexation of a portion of the town of Tewksbury to Lowell.

By Mr. Moors of Greenfield, the remonstrance of L. Severance and 41 others, tax-payers of Shelburne, against the petition of C. L. Spear and others, for a union of the towns of Buckland and Shelburne.

By Mr. Eaton of Medway, the petition of the town of Medway, for a grant of books to replace those destroyed by fire.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Curtis of Marlborough, the petition of S. J. Shaw and 19 others; by Mr. Nelson of Stow, the petition of William S. Heywood and 59 others; by Mr. Gleason of Watertown, the petition of Joseph Crafts and 63 others; by Mr. Orcutt of Hardwick, the petition of Rev.

Thomas D. Howard and 27 others of Petersham; by Mr. Rogers of Weymouth, the petition of D. L. Sterling and 64 others; and by Mr. Blinn of Lexington, the petition of J. A. Bacon and others; all for woman suffrage. Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

Grist mills, etc.

On motion of Mr. Bassett of Easthampton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Manufactures inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 224 of the laws of 1870, that corporations may be organized under said act for the purpose of carrying on grist-mills, and flour, grain and feed business in connection therewith.

Petitions to the general court.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on Rules and Orders consider the expediency of amending section 8 of chapter 2 of the General Statutes, so as to provide that the petition to be presented to the Legislature shall be filed with the Secretary of State at the time of the approval of notice to be given as provided in said section.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

New elections in cities and towns.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on Elections consider the expediency of repealing section 9 of chapter 8 of the General Statutes, relating to new elections in cities and towns.

Check-lists.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on Elections consider the expediency of amending chapter 270, acts of 1872, so that check-lists in towns shall be sealed up and preserved in the manner provided for cities.

Papers from the Senate.

Doves.

A bill to prevent the taking of tame doves by snares, traps or otherwise, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture.

Prison for female convicts.

The petition of Thomas T. Stone and 67 others of Bolton, for a separate prison for women, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Bills :

Tax treasurers and collectors.

In relation to treasurers and collectors of taxes in cities ; and

Relating to district courts ;

District courts.

Which had severally been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, were read and referred in course to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to amend the charter of the Mill Owners' Insurance Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, and referred to the committee on Insurance, came down for concurrence. The Chair ruled that this bill was within the 46th rule of the House, and in compliance with the action of the House yesterday upon the bill relating to the Eastern Railroad, the Chair would, unless objection was made, order the Clerk to return the bill with the non-concurrence of the House. Mr. Bigelow of Boston moved that the House concur in granting leave, and the Chair ruled the motion not in order. The same gentleman then moved a suspension of the 46th rule, but the House refused to suspend it.

Mill Owners' Insurance Co.

The report of the joint committee on Printing, that the order relative to printing twelve hundred copies of House Document No. 9, with accompanying map, relating to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, ought to pass, which report had been accepted in the Senate, was referred to the committee on Printing of the House, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston.

Troy and Greenfield R. R.

A bill to revive the Monument Bank in the city of Charlestown for certain purposes, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Monument Bank.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Bassett of Easthampton, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, reported a resolve in favor of Chester C. Conant.

Chester C. Conant.

Mr. Cole of Cheshire, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported a resolve in favor of the state lunatic hospital at Taunton.

Lunatic hospital at Taunton.

These resolves were read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Hull of Stockbridge, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the Bunker Hill Monument Association that the 17th of June may be made a legal holiday.

Bunker Hill Monument Association.

Mr. Bailey of Georgetown, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Benjamin F.

Fidelity of officials.

Stevens, Dwight Foster and others, for incorporation as a company to guarantee the fidelity, &c., of persons occupying places of trust.

These reports were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of E. H. Chisholm ; and

To provide the town of Medfield with certain laws and documents ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The motion made by Mr. Parker of New Bedford, to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to amending the law concerning the licensing of innholders and common victuallers, so as to provide that licenses may be revoked at the discretion of the authority granting them, was debated and rejected.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to the fees of witnesses before police courts and justices of the peace, was accepted.

The report of the committee on Elections on the petition of Charles A. Perry, was considered.

Mr. Billings of Hatfield moved to amend the report by substituting therefor the recommendation of the minority of the committee, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. The amendment and report were debated at length, and on motion of Mr. Stearns of Boston their further consideration was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton, the bill for the union of the American Education Society and the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education, was recommitted to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the bill to authorize the Christian Society in Lynn to sell certain property, was recommitted to the same committee.

Bills :

To change the time for holding the terms of the superior court in the county of Dukes County ; and

To extend the time allowing certain fire insurance companies to increase their capital stock ;

Were read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the Maverick Congregational Society of Boston to sell real estate, and for other purposes, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 6, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Richardson of Lowell, the petition of John A. Goodwin and 33 others ; and by Mr. Blood of Lowell, the petition of S. W. Huse and 43 others of Lowell, for the annexation of a portion of the town of Tewksbury to that city. Annexation of Tewksbury to Lowell.

By Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, the petition of Lewis J. Bird and 195 others, for the annexation of Hyde Park to Boston. Annexation of Hyde Park to Boston.

By Mr. Mayhew of Charlemont, the petition of E. G. Lamson and 155 others, in aid of the petition of C. L. Spear for a union of the towns of Shelburne and Buckland. Union of Buckland and Shelburne.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Cummings of Woburn, the petition of the Emigrant Savings Bank of Boston, for leave to hold real estate. Emigrant Savings Bank. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Phillips of Springfield, the petitions of Eliphalet Trask and 56 others, and John A. Cass and 61 others of Springfield, for a state reformatory prison for women. Prison for women.

By Mr. Bailey of Georgetown, the petition of C. H. Do. Hopkinson and others ; by Mr. Phillips of Springfield, the petition of Richard G. Greene and 107 others of Springfield and vicinity ; by Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, the petition of Daniel P. Noyes and 53 others of Pigeon Cove ; and by Mr. Hurlbut of Bolton, the petition of Franklin Forbes and 97 others of Clinton ; all for a separate prison for women.

Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

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Just and equal
taxation.

By Mr. Chapman of New Bedford, the petition of Wm. J. Potter and others, for just and equal taxation. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Nichols
Academy.

By Mr. Hodges of Oxford, the petition of the trustees of the Nichols Academy in Dudley, for aid. Referred to the committee on Education.

Army register
and battle-flags.

By Mr. Chapman of New Bedford, the petition of Wm. B. S. Cadwell and others, for the rescinding of the Sumner resolution. Referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Northampton
and Shelburne
Falls R. R.

By Mr. Bassett of Easthampton, the petition of the Northampton and Shelburne Falls Railroad Company, for an extension of time for locating and building its road. Referred to the committee on Railways.

Salisbury Beach
Plank Road Co.

By Mr. Eaton of Salisbury, the petition of Nathaniel Pierce and Wm. C. Binney, committee of the Salisbury Beach Plank Road Corporation, for amendment of their charter. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Old South
Society.

By Mr. Buffum of Lynn, the remonstrance of James M. Whiton and others, against the sale of the Old South Church. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Andrew K.
Ober.

By Mr. Porter of Beverly, the petition of Andrew K. Ober and others, for an act of incorporation as the Odd Fellows' Hall Association. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

North Wey-
mouth Fire Dis-
trict.

On motion of Mr. Rogers of Weymouth, the petition of the North Weymouth Fire District to be dissolved, was taken from the files of last year, and referred to the same committee.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Chelsea police
court.

By Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, the petition of Hamlett Bates, justice of the police court of the city of Chelsea, for an increase of salary and clerical assistance. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Taunton,
Somerville and
Haverhill police
courts.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the bill relative to the salaries of the justices of the municipal court of Taunton, and the police courts of Somerville and Haverhill, was taken from the files of last year, and referred to the same committee.

New bridge
from Boston to
Cambridge.

Mr. Thurston of Cambridge moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday referred the petition of Edward Chamberlain and 47 others, for a bridge

from Boston to Cambridge, to the committee on Roads and Bridges. The motion was carried, and the same gentleman then moved its reference to the committee on Harbors, which motion was also carried, and the petition was sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches cause the joint rule relating to the disposition of petitions, memorials and applications, presented after February 22d, to be published conspicuously for one week in six newspapers printed in this State. Applications to the general court.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad be empowered to send for persons and papers. Hoosac Tunnel Committee.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cole of Cheshire,—

Ordered, That the tax commissioner furnish, for the use of the House, a statement of all the national bank shares taxed in the year 1871, and in the year 1872, and in the year 1873, in the Commonwealth, and that he furnish a statement of the lowest rate per cent. in any town where a national bank is located, and the highest rate per cent. in any town where a national bank is located, and the average rate per cent. in all towns where national banks are located in the year 1873. National bank shares.

On motion of Mr. Bassett of Easthampton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 309 of the laws of 1873, fixing the salary of the clerk of the courts for the county of Hampshire, so that section 3 of chapter 295 of the laws of 1867, which provides that such officer may receive, from the county treasury, the difference between the amount of fees received, and the salary established by law, shall be applicable thereto. Clerk of Hampshire courts.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing that corporations may take and hold the title to real estate conveyed to them in mortgage, under certain restrictions. Corporations—real estate.

To inquire whether it is expedient to provide that real estate, taken on execution, may be sold at public auction under certain restrictions.

To inquire whether it is expedient to provide that no action shall be maintained for any debt under five dollars.

Mr. Orcutt of Cummington offered the following order, which was rejected :—

Contracts of
married women.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 3 of chapter 108 of the General Statutes, relative to contracts of married women, so as to provide that a married woman may enter into any contract in the same manner as if she were sole.

On motion of Mr. Buffum of Lynn,—

Detention of
fire-engines.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider whether any legislation is necessary to punish persons who maliciously retard the passage of engines and apparatus while going to a fire.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy,—

Wills.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery be directed to inquire whether further legislation is necessary in relation to the probate of wills in which the testator fails to provide for or name his children.

Vienna Exposition.

A communication was received from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting the reports of the commissioner and associate commissioner from this Commonwealth to the Vienna Exposition. On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the same were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Troy and
Greenfield R. R.

Mr. Granger of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House referred the report of the joint committee on Printing, on the order providing for the printing of 1,200 copies of House Document, No. 9, with accompanying map, to the committee on Printing of the House. The motion was carried, and on motion of the same gentleman, the report was again referred to the same committee with instructions to consider the expediency of printing the document without the map.

Papers from the Senate.

Middlesex R. R.
Co.

A bill concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

The petition of the Boston Wharf Company, for leave to increase its capital stock, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Boston Wharf Co.

The petition of G. M. Bartol and 153 others, of Lancaster, for a separate prison for women, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Prisons. Prison for women.

The petition of the Eastern Railroad Company, for leave to construct tracks across Prison Wharf, in Charlestown, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Railways. Eastern R. R. Co.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the support of paupers by kindred. Support of paupers.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Lysander Richards, for the abolition of the death penalty. Death penalty.

Mr. Clark of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending sections 17 and 18 of chapter 92 of the General Statutes, relating to proceedings against persons suspected of concealing wills, and so as to prevent resort to such proceedings for improper and fraudulent purposes. Concealment of wills.

Mr. Tyler, of Lowell, from the committee on Banks and Banking, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of G. N. Finotti and others, for a savings bank in Boston, to be called the European Savings Bank. G. N. Finotti et als.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported leave to withdraw on the petition of William M. Fisher and others, for a savings bank in Attleborough. Wm. M. Fisher et als.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to prevent the desertion of crews of vessels. Desertion of crews.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, reported a bill to amend chapter 133 of the General Statutes, concerning the exemption of personal property from execution. Exemption of personal property from execution.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the same committee, reported a bill to increase the salary of the clerk of courts for Plymouth County. Clerk of Plymouth County courts.

Appeals in
criminal cases.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported a bill to authorize the withdrawal of appeals in criminal cases.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Clarissa Adams.

Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, from the committee on Claims, reported a resolve in favor of Clarissa Adams, which was referred, in course, to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, that the 17th of June may be made a legal holiday, was amended on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, so that the petition should be referred to the next General Court, and as amended, it was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Benj. F. Stevens, Dwight Foster and others, for incorporation as a company to guarantee the fidelity, &c., of persons occupying places of trust, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to revive the Monument Bank, in the city of Charlestown, for certain purposes, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to extend the time allowing certain fire insurance companies to increase their capital stock, was amended on motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Elections, on the petition of Charles A. Perry, was debated at length. Finally, on motion of Mr. Judd of Lee, its further consideration was postponed until Tuesday next, February 10, to be placed first in the orders of that day.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To incorporate the Odd Fellows Hall Association of Lawrence ; and

In addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 7, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Stearns of Boston, the petition of R. H. Stearns R. H. Stearns. for an act of incorporation of Trustees of Donations for purposes of Education in Turkey.

By Mr. Haskins of Somerville, the petition of Francis Houghton and 43 others of Somerville; and by Mr. Davis of Cambridge, the petition of B. F. Shaw and 31 others of Cambridge, for such modification of chapter 167, acts of 1871, as will secure to parties prosecuted thereunder the right of trial by jury. Slaughter-houses.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

By Mr. Endicott of Dedham, the petition of Ira C. Cleveland and 21 others, pew-owners and parishioners of the Episcopal Church in Dedham, for an act of incorporation. Dedham—Episcopal Church.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, the petition of the trustees of the Wesley Chapel Church of Salem, for a general law to provide that trustees appointed by the quarterly conference may have the same powers as the deacons of Congregational churches, and the wardens of Episcopal churches. Salem—Wesley Chapel Church.

Severally referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

By Mr. Killam of Hanover, the petition of the Plymouth County Railroad Corporation, for amendment of charter and extension of time for location. Referred to the committee on Railways. Plymouth County R. R. Co.

By Mr. Fiske of Needham, the petition of Galen Orr and 117 others, for a savings bank in Needham. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Savings Bank at Needham.

By Mr. Brayton of Adams, the petition of Charles F. Tower for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims. Chas. F. Tower.

By Mr. Hallett of Chatham, the petition of Benjamin Sparrow and others, for woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Woman suffrage.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Pauper settle-
ment.

By Mr. Moors of Greenfield, the petition of Edward C. Guild, Geo. S. Hale and 38 others of Boston and vicinity, for a revisal of the laws concerning pauper settlement. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Lobster fishery.

By Mr. Bell of Salem, the petition of Dudley B. Davis and 100 others, in regard to regulating the lobster fishery, which was placed on file.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hayes of Medford,—
 . Sheriff's juries. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 261, section 1, acts of 1873, that in all cases in which it is provided by law that a sheriff's jury may be had for any purpose, and application shall not be made, in the first instance, to the superior court, such petition for a jury shall be transferred to the superior court, upon motion of the respondents named in said petition.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston,—
 Metropolitan and Middlesex Railroads. *Ordered*, That the committee on Horse Railways be requested to investigate and report whether any agreement intended to affect legislation has been made between the Metropolitan and Middlesex Railroad Companies; and if so, to report the nature, character, tenor and effect of such agreement.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston,—
 Organization of religious and other associations. *Ordered*, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider the expediency of amending chapter 32 of the General Statutes, relating to the organizing of religious, charitable, benevolent and other kindred institutions, and extending its application.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Prison for female convicts.

The petition of Alexander H. Bullock and 231 others of Worcester, for the establishment of a separate prison for female convicts, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Annexation of Tewksbury to Lowell.

The petition of John A. Buttrick and 31 others of Lowell, for the annexation of a portion of Tewksbury to Lowell, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

The petition of Jabez Delano of Fairhaven, for alteration in the tax laws, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation. Tax laws.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint standing committee on Just and Equal Taxation be, and hereby are, authorized to employ such clerical assistance in the prosecution of their inquiries upon subjects to them referred, as in the judgment of said committee may be deemed necessary. Clerical assistance for committee on taxation.

A communication from the Attorney-General, relative to the right of redemption reserved to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company of said railroad and the Hoosac Tunnel, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads. Troy and Greenfield R. R.

A message from His Excellency the Governor was received and read, relative to the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, requesting that the same may be filled at the earliest convenience of the General Court. Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

Mr. Crocker of Boston offered the following order, which, at the request of Mr. Codman of Boston, was laid over until Monday :—

Ordered, That a joint convention of the two branches of the legislature be held on Wednesday, the eleventh inst., at half-past two in the afternoon, to elect a member of the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Louis Agassiz. Do.

A resolve in favor of Susan W. Holton, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims. Susan W. Holton.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on petition of James H. Look for compensation for illegal arrest and imprisonment by a state constable, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday. James H. Look.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the petition of the Townsend National Bank for a change in the laws in regard to the taxation of bank shares; also the petition of Daniel Needham and others, in aid of the same,—the committee asking to be discharged from further consideration of the subject, and that it be referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation of bank shares.

Taxation,—accepted by the Senate, was placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Surgeon-General's report.

The annual report of the Surgeon-General was referred in concurrence to the committee on Military Affairs.

Anniversary of American independence.

A resolution concerning the centennial celebration of the Declaration of Independence, passed in the Senate as a substitute for a resolution on the same subject sent up from the House, was debated, and, on motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, was laid on the table.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to the support of paupers by kindred ; and

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Lysander Richards and others, for the abolition of the death penalty ; and the

Report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to amending sections 17 and 18 of chapter 92 of the General Statutes, relating to proceedings against persons suspected of concealing wills, and so as to prevent resort to such proceedings for improper and fraudulent purposes, were severally accepted.

The reports of the committee on Banks and Banking :

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of G. N. Finotti and others, for a savings bank in Boston, to be called the European Savings Bank ; and

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of William M. Fisher and others, for a savings bank in Attleborough, were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend chapter 133 of the General Statutes, concerning the exemption of personal property from execution ;

To prevent the desertion of crews of vessels ;

To increase the salary of the clerk of the courts for Plymouth County ; and

To authorize the withdrawal of appeals in criminal cases ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to revive the Monument Bank in the city of Charlestown for certain purposes was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company was read a second time. Mr. Palmer of Boston moved to amend the bill by substituting the bill proposed by the minority of the committee on Horse Railways, printed in Senate Document, No. 23. Pending this motion, Mr. Perkins of Boston moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until Saturday, February 21.

Without having voted upon either of these motions the House, on motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy,
Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 9, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of North Bridgewater.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the petition of Rev. Edward Everett Hale and 8,041 others, residents of Boston Highlands and the southerly part of the city of Boston, requesting that authority be granted to the Highland Street Railway Company to run its cars to Cornhill and Haymarket Square. Referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Highland Street
R. R. Co.

By Mr. Noyes of North Bridgewater, the petition of the selectmen of North Bridgewater, that the corporate name of said town may be changed from North Bridgewater to Brockton. North Bridge-
water.

By the same gentleman, the petition of C. C. Bixby and 1,021 others, legal voters of North Bridgewater, in aid of the same.

By Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, the petition of T. H. Brewer and others, that their names may be erased from one of the petitions for the annexation of Cambridge to Boston. Annexation of
Cambridge.

By the same gentleman, the remonstrance of John M. Tyler and 133 others, against the annexation of Cambridge to Boston. Do.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Haskins of Somerville, the remonstrance of R. H. Sturtevant and 44 others, citizens of Somerville; and by Mr. Smith of Cambridge, the remonstrance of Jesse Miller's River.

W. Haley and 30 others, citizens of Cambridge, against any change in chapter 304 of the acts of 1873, being an act for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities; which were referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Station accommodations at Attleborough.

By Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, the petition of the Boston and Providence Railroad Company, and the Taunton Branch Railroad Company, relative to station accommodations at Attleborough. Referred to the committee on Railways.

Taxation of bank stocks, etc.

By Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg, the petition of A. B. Holden and others, selectmen of Westminster and 44 others, for a change in the mode of taxing bank stocks and deposits. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Horace W. Willson et als.

By Mr. Rogers of Weymouth, the petition of Horace W. Willson and others, for an act of incorporation of the Grand Temple of Honor and Temperance of Massachusetts.

Jas. S. Farrington.

By Mr. Clatur of Boston, the petition of James S. Farrington and others, for incorporation of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Army register and battle flags.

By Mr. Richardson of Lowell, the remonstrance of Jared P. Maxfield and 19 others of Lowell, against the rescinding of the Sumner resolution. Referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

John McGrath.

By Mr. Sprague of Framingham, the petition of John McGrath, for state aid.

Joseph McEvoy.

By Mr. Tyler of Lowell, the petition of Joseph McEvoy of Lowell, for state aid.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Joel Pierce.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Natick, the petition of Elisha P. Hollis, for the legalizing of a certain deed made by the administrator of the estate of Joel Pierce. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Introduced on Leave.

Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

By Mr. Granger of Boston, a resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau. Referred to the committee on Finance.

Orders.

Mr. Hale of Boston offered the following order, which was referred under the rule to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That five hundred copies in addition to the usual number be printed of the message of the Governor, transmitting the report of the commissioner and associate-commissioner from this Commonwealth to the Vienna Exposition. Vienna Exposition.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Printing consider and report upon the expediency of causing to be printed, with the orders of the day, the meetings of the several committees for the ensuing day, together with the various matters assigned for hearings. Committee meetings.

On motion of Mr. Gay of Chelmsford,—

Ordered, That the committee on Rules and Orders of the House consider the expediency of amending the thirtieth (30th) rule of the House relative to reports of committees, so that it shall conform to the joint rule on the same subject. Thirtieth House Rule.

Papers from the Senate.

A resolve in favor of the State Prison Inspectors, introduced, on leave, in the Senate, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Claims. State prison inspectors.

A bill to establish the First District Court of Southern Middlesex, which had been passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. First district court of Southern Middlesex.

The memorial of Walter and Francis Shanly, that they may not be required by their contract with the Commonwealth to do any brick arching of the Hoosac Tunnel, except at the west end section, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. Walter and Francis Shanly.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to records of attachment and levies of execution on real estate. Attachments on real estate.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, to whom was referred the petition J. L. Worthy et al.

of J. L. Worthy and others, to be incorporated as the West Springfield Water Works, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Fire-engines.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the mayor of Lynn, and an order concerning the punishment of persons maliciously obstructing engines, reported a bill to punish the wilful obstruction of fire-engines. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Codman of Boston offered the following order as a substitute for the one laid over from Saturday, relative to a joint convention to elect a member of the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy :—

Museum of
Comparative
Zoölogy.

Ordered, That Wednesday, at half-past two in the afternoon, be assigned as the time for filling the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, caused by the death of Louis Agassiz.

The order was substituted and adopted.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James H. Look, for compensation for illegal arrest and imprisonment by Daniel Dean, a state constable, was accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, relative to changes in the law taxing national bank shares, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommending its reference to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To change the time for holding the terms of the superior court in the county of Dukes County ;

To amend chapter 133 of the General Statutes, concerning the exemption of personal property from execution ;

To prevent the desertion of crews of vessels ;

To increase the salary of the clerk of the courts for Plymouth County ; and

To authorize the withdrawal of appeals in criminal cases (amended on motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company was again debated. The motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Saturday, February 21, was carried.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To incorporate the Lenox Club of Lenox ;
(Which originated in the Senate ;) and

To authorize the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, to hold additional real estate in this Commonwealth ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 10, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Hull of Stockbridge, the petition of Julius Rockwell, Thomas Post and others, of Lenox, for an act of incorporation as the Lenox Water Company, of Lenox. Lenox Water Co.

By Mr. Smith of Cambridge, the remonstrance of J. C. Burdakin and 93 others, citizens of Cambridge, against any change in chapter 304, acts of 1873, being "an act for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities." Miller's River.

Severally referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, the petition of Herbert E. Hill and 41 others, soldiers and sailors in the service of the Union during the rebellion, that the resolutions passed by the legislature of 1872 in relation to the army flags and army register, be not rescinded. Referred to the committee on Federal Relations. Army register and battle-flags.

By Mr. Hill of Lowell, the petition of Charles A. Stott and 31 others ; and by Mr. Johnson of Lowell, the petition of Nathan Crosby and 21 others,—for the annexation Annexation of Tewksbury to Lowell.

of a portion of Tewksbury to Lowell. Severally referred to the committee on towns.

William Schroeder et als.

By Mr. Ginnodo of Attleborough, the petition of William Schroeder and others, for an act of incorporation as a musical society.

Shawmut R. R. Co.

By Mr. Clark of Boston, the petition of the president and directors of the Shawmut Railroad Company, to extend the time for building said road.

Slaughter-houses.

By Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the petition of 165 firms and individuals, provision dealers of Quincy and Faneuil Hall markets, citizens of Massachusetts; by Mr. Palmer of Boston, the petition of Messrs. Johnson, Fay & Co. and others, merchants and business men of Boston; by Mr. Haskins of Somerville, the petition of Geo. W. Long and 89 others, citizens of Somerville; and by Mr. Davis of Cambridge, the petition of James V. Perley and 104 others, citizens of Cambridge,—all for such modifications of chapter 167, acts of 1871, as will secure to parties prosecuted under said statute the right of trial by jury.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Cambridge Firemen's Relief Association.

By Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, the petition of P. H. Raymond and others, to be incorporated as the Cambridge Firemen's Relief Association.

Female physicians.

By Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, the petition of Sophronia Fletcher, Mrs. E. D. Cheney and 300 others, asking that the laws may be so amended that female physicians may be employed to attend women in public institutions.

Severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Rabbits.

By Mr. Tyler of North Brookfield, the petition of L. E. Bliss and 101 others, of North Brookfield, to prevent the hunting of wild rabbits by the use of the ferret.

Birds, birds' eggs, etc.

By the same gentleman, the petition of J. H. Walker and 14 others, of Worcester, for an amendment of the act concerning birds, birds' eggs and deer.

Severally referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Prison for women.

By Mr. Phillips of Springfield, the petitions of Rev. Dr. Burgess and 110 others, and of C. A. Breck and 99 others, of Springfield, for a state reformatory prison for women.

Do.

By Mr. Rogers of Weymouth, the petition of Mrs. Asa Hunt and 29 others, of Weymouth; by Mr. Lewis of Walpole, the petition of O. W. Peabody and 58 others, of

Milton; by Mr. Gleason of Watertown, the petition of John K. Stickney and 31 others, of Watertown; by Mr. Billings of Sharon, the petition of Wm. H. Savery and 43 others, of Canton; and by Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, the petition of Edward Otheman and 30 others, of Chelsea,—all for the establishment of a separate prison for female convicts.

Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Perkins of Boston, the petition of William G. Colburn, assistant attorney-general of the Commonwealth, for an increase of salary. Assistant attorney-general.

By Mr. Olney of Boston, the petition of John P. Manning, assistant-clerk of the superior court for criminal business of the county of Suffolk, for an increase of salary. John P. Manning.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Wilbraham,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the laws relative to the election of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor of towns. Election of selectmen, assessors, etc.

On motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of establishing a district court in Northern Essex, including, under its jurisdiction, the city of Lawrence, and the towns of Andover, North Andover and Methuen, and report by bill or otherwise. District court for Northern Essex.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill to establish a street sprinkling department within the city of Taunton, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns. Taunton.

The Eighth Annual Report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries for the year ending January 1, 1874, which had been printed by the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Fisheries. Inland fisheries.

A communication from the Police Commissioners, in accordance with an order of the Senate, in relation to the liquor traffic in certain counties of this Commonwealth, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the State Police. Liquor traffic.

The petition of James A. Woodbury and others, to be made a corporation by the name of the Cambridge Im- Cambridge Improvement Co.

provement Company, for the purpose of purchasing and improving certain lands and flats in the city of Cambridge, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Annexation of
Tewksbury to
Lowell.

The petition of E. B. Patch and 20 others, for the annexation of a portion of the town of Tewksbury to the city of Lowell, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Jas. H. Look.

Mr. Cummings of Somerville, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House, on Monday, accepted the report of committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James H. Look, for compensation for illegal arrest and imprisonment by David Dean, a state constable. The motion was carried, and the same gentleman then moved to substitute a resolve in favor of James H. Look for the report; but the motion to substitute was rejected, and the report again accepted in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Pauper settle-
ment.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Edward C. Guild and others, for a revisal of the laws concerning pauper settlement, asked to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommended its reference to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Under a suspension of the rule the report was accepted.

Shelburne and
Conway bound-
ary line.

Mr. Hayes of Medford, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of Amasa Bardwell and others, for a change of boundary line between Shelburne and Conway, reported leave to withdraw.

Ducks.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, from the committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the petition of J. T. Hall and others, for a change in the law in relation to shooting and killing ducks, reported leave to withdraw.

The last two reports were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The report of the committee on Elections, on the petition of Chas. A. Perry for the seat occupied by Albert Montague of Sunderland, was debated at length.

Mr. Billings of Hatfield, having moved, on a previous day, to amend the report of the committee by substituting the recommendation of the minority of the committee, that

the petitioner have leave to withdraw, Mr. Codman of Boston, moved to amend the amendment by adding the words, "and that the seat now occupied by Albert Montague of Sunderland, is hereby declared vacant." Mr. Wright of Great Barrington, moved the previous question, which was carried. Mr. Codman's amendment was adopted by a vote of 121 to 74, and Mr. Billings' amendment, as amended, was then carried by a vote of 126 to 60. The report, as amended, was then accepted, and declaration was accordingly made, giving the petitioner leave to withdraw, and declaring the seat vacant.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to records of attachment and levies of execution on real estate, was accepted.

The report of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. L. Worthy and others, to be incorporated as the West Springfield Water Works, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to punish the wilful obstruction of fire-engines, was read and ordered to a third reading.

An engrossed bill, to revive the Monument Bank in the city of Charlestown for certain purposes (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 11, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Sanger of Danvers.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Howes of Dennis, the petition of J. P. Ordway Smelts. and others, asking for a change in the law relating to the catching of smelts during the spawning season. Referred to the committee on Fisheries.

By Mr. Mason of Boston, the petitions of Edward Atkinson and others, merchants and business men of Boston; and by Mr. Crocker of Boston, the petition of A. H. Rice and others, merchants and business men of Boston, for such modifications of chapter 167, acts of 1871, as Slaughter-houses.

will give persons prosecuted under said statute the right of trial by jury.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Birds, birds' eggs, etc.

By Mr. Wright of Great Barrington, the petition of Samuel Camp and others of Great Barrington; by Mr. Shaw of Springfield, the petition of Frank H. Fuller and others of Springfield; and by Mr. Boise of Blandford, the petition of Watson E. Boise and others of Blandford,—all in aid of the petition of J. H. Walker and others of Worcester, for an amendment of the act concerning birds, birds' eggs and deer.

Severally referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Prison for women.

By Mr. Phillips of Springfield, the petition of Rev. W. P. Eustis and 45 others of Springfield, for a state reformatory prison for women.

Do.

By Mr. Currier of Newburyport, the petition of J. N. Rolfe and 83 others of Newbury; by Mr. Phillips of Springfield, the petition of Mrs. Wm. Mattoon and 29 others of Springfield; by Mr. Blinn of Lexington, the petition of E. S. Elder and 43 others of East Lexington; and by Mr. Field of Leominster, the petition of Joel Smith and 149 others of Leominster,—all to establish a separate prison for female convicts.

Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

Bridge at Turner's Falls.

By Mr. Lamb of Greenfield, the petition of A. W. Stevens and others, citizens of Franklin County, for an act authorizing and directing the county commissioners of said county to lay out and build a highway and bridge over the Connecticut River, near Turner's Falls, and to assess the cost thereof upon the several towns to be benefited thereby in such proportions as justice and equity demand. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Attleborough Water Supply District.

By Mr. Ginnodo of Attleborough, the petition of the Attleborough Water Supply District, for authority to raise additional sums of money. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Annexation of Tewksbury to Lowell.

By Mr. Johnson of Lowell, the petition of Stark Totman and 32 others of Lowell, for the annexation of a portion of Tewksbury to Lowell.

Annexation of Dracut to Lowell.

By Mr. Hill of Lowell, the petition of Jacob Rogers and 56 firms and others, to annex the town of Dracut to Lowell.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Noyes of North Bridgewater, the petition of Ellis Packard and 65 others, for the establishment of the first district court of Plymouth County, comprising the towns of Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, North Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, and other towns in the vicinity.

District court
for Plymouth
County.

By Mr. Bishop of Newton, the petition of the heirs of James Taylor, that Samuel Little and Frank Moore, administrators, be empowered to discharge a certain mortgage.

James Taylor.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing that all the courts, in all cases where there has been a partial service of any writ or process, shall have authority to cause further service to be made and notice given, upon such terms as the court may deem proper, in order to acquire jurisdiction of the subject-matter and the parties, to the same extent as would have been acquired if there had been a complete service of such writ or process; and for this purpose to have authority to issue additional writs and processes.

Issue of writs
and processes.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs the petition of the president and directors of the Shawmut Railroad Company, to extend the time for building said road. The motion was carried, and on motion of the same gentleman the petition was referred to the committee on Railways and sent up for concurrence.

Shawmut Rail-
road Co.

Papers from the Senate.

The petitions of H. B. Smith and 64 others, for a flag station in Westfield, near Main Street, and of Edward A. Steers and 40 others, in aid of the same, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Flag station at
Westfield.

The remonstrance of the selectmen of West Springfield, against the petition of J. L. Worthy and others, to supply said town with water, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

West Spring-
field—water
supply.

The petition of Elijah M. Reed and 21 others of Tewksbury, for the annexation of a portion of that town to Lowell.

Annexation of
Tewksbury to
Lowell.

Lowell, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Bills :

Oblate Fathers. To authorize the society of Oblate Fathers for Missions among the poor to hold additional estate ;

Lobsters. For the preservation of lobsters ;
(Which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate ;) Were read and ordered to a second reading.

Mill Owners Ins. Co. The bill to amend the charter of the Mill Owners' Insurance Company, the reference of which to the committee on Insurance had been non-concurred in by the House, came down endorsed that the Senate insisted upon its reference, and asked for a committee of conference, appointing on its part, Messrs. Bailey, Norcross and Bacon. The House concurred in the request for a committee of conference, and the Speaker joined to the committee, on the part of the House, Messrs. Hale of Boston, Mason of Plymouth and Crocker of Boston.

Appropriation bill. The bill in further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment, came down and was considered, and the amendment was concurred in.

Applications to the general court. On motion of Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, the list of applications to the General Court, filed in the Secretary's office, was taken from the table and ordered to be placed on the files of the House.

Gas and gas-meters. On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the report of the inspector of gas and gas-meters was taken from the table, and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Centennial celebration of American independence. On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the resolution concerning the centennial celebration of the Declaration of Independence, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Deputy tax commissioner. The annual report of the deputy tax commissioner was received, and on motion of Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Special Assignment.

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy. At half-past two o'clock, Mr. Loud of Winchendon, called for the special assignment, being the filling of the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

Mr. Sanger of Danvers moved that the House proceed to ballot, and the Speaker appointed Messrs. Sanger of Danvers, Connell of Boston, Robinson of Falmouth, Blood of Lowell, Boise of Blandford, and Williams of Douglas, a committee to receive, count and return the vote of the House for a trustee.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes cast,	178
Robert R. Wiley had	2
Alexander Agassiz,	176

And Mr. Agassiz was declared elected a trustee on the part of the House.

Mr. Codman of Boston was charged with a message to inform the Senate of the election of Mr. Agassiz, on the part of the House.

Mr. Judd of Lee offered the following order, which was laid over until to-morrow at the request of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg :—

Ordered, That the Speaker of the House be authorized ^{Precept.} to give notice of the vacancy now existing in the Second Franklin District, and to issue his precept for a new election in said district.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Rice of Barre, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petition of Israel W. Munroe and others, of Quincy, reported a bill to extend the charter of the Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and to authorize the same to hold real estate. Read and ordered to a second reading. ^{Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Co.}

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to authorize the city of Boston to take and hold land and other property for a landing for the East Boston ferry-boats, reported that the same ought to pass. ^{Land for East Boston ferry-boats.}

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill relating to district courts, reported that it ought to pass with certain amendments. ^{District courts.}

These bills were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of J. T. Hall and others, for a change in the law in relation to shooting and killing ducks; and the

Report of the committee on Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Amasa Bardwell and others, for a change of boundary line between Shelburne and Conway;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to punish the wilful obstruction of fire-engines was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills:

To repeal section 10 of chapter 307 of the acts of the year 1871, authorizing the town of Winchester to take water from the water-pipes and reservoir of the town of Woburn; and

Making appropriations for expenses of the State almshouse, the State prison, the reform school at Westborough, the industrial school for girls, the Bridgewater workhouse, the State primary school at Monson, and for other purposes;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 12, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Smith of Cambridge, the petitions of S. W. McDaniel and others, and of M. J. M. Pearson and others, of Cambridge; by Mr. Shattuck of Boston, the petition of H. F. Walling and 41 others, of Cambridge; by Mr. Howes of Reading, the petition of H. Prentiss and 52

others, of Reading; by Mr. Fairbanks of Natick, the petition of Wm. Denton and 63 others; by Mr. Gates of Groton, the petition of T. T. Locke and 71 others, citizens of Pepperell; by Mr. Curtis of Marlborough, the petition of E. L. Bigelow and 71 others; by Mr. Gleason of Watertown, the petition of J. M. Stone and 22 others; by Mr. Tyler of North Brookfield, the petition of W. B. Stone and 100 others; by Mr. Pratt of Mansfield, the petition of Thorndike Leonard and 58 others; by Mr. Cummings of Somerville, the petition of Warren Pollard and 20 others, of Somerville; by Mr. Wiley of Boston, the petition of A. W. Lock and 121 others; by Mr. Wright of Acton, the petition of F. P. Wood and 153 others; by Mr. Mason of Plymouth, the petition of N. B. Spooner and 73 others, of Plymouth; by Mr. Howes of Dennis, the petition of James V. Howes and 89 others; and by Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, the petition of Jonathan H. Briggs and Margaret E. Bennett and others, of Gloucester,—all for woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

By Mr. Phillips of Springfield, the petitions of Samuel Bowles and 40 others, and George E. Merrill and 31 others, of Springfield, for a state reformatory prison for women. Prison for women.

By Mr. Bosworth of Taunton, the petition of C. F. Ormsbee and 34 others, of Taunton; by Mr. Gates of Worcester, the petition of John V. Power and 11 others, of Worcester; by Mr. Howes of Reading, the petition of Thomas Dawes and 25 others, of Reading; by Mr. Adams of Quincy, the petition of Mrs. W. P. Lunt and 18 others, of Quincy; and by Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the petition of L. M. Ball and 240 others, of Boston,—all to establish a separate prison for female convicts.

Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

By Mr. Fiske of Needham, the petition of E. B. Otis in aid of the petition for a savings bank in Needham. Needham—savings bank.
Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Curtis of Marlborough, the remonstrance of Wm. Barnes of Marlborough, and 31 other soldiers and sailors, against rescinding or annulling the resolution passed by the legislature of 1872, concerning the army register and battle flags. Army register and battle-flags.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, the petition of Thomas B. Reed and 27 others who served in the Union forces

during the late rebellion, that the resolutions passed by the legislature of 1872, in relation to the army flags and army register be not rescinded.

Severally referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Miller's River.

By Mr. Haskins of Somerville, the remonstrance of Thomas Cunningham and 91 others, citizens of Somerville, against any change in chapter 304 of the acts of 1873, being an act concerning a nuisance in said cities. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

New town way
in Lancaster.

By Mr. Hurlbut of Bolton, the petition of the selectmen of Lancaster, that the statute of 1872, chapter 262, may be altered so that the county commissioners of Worcester County may have the power to lay out a town or county way over or across the line of the Worcester and Nashua Railroad in said town of Lancaster. Also the petition of the selectmen of Clinton and 67 others, for the same object. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Slaughter-
houses.

By Mr. Gleason of Watertown, the petition of Samuel Walker and 59 other individuals and firms; by Mr. Palmer of Boston, the petition of A. T. Lowe and others, merchants and business men of Boston; and by Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, the petition of John McSorley and other citizens of Cambridge,—all for such modifications of chapter 167, acts of 1871, as will secure to parties prosecuted under said statute the right of trial by jury. Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Boston and Al-
bany Railroad
Co.

By Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, the annual report of the State Directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad. Referred to the committee on Railways.

Lowell and
Dracut bound-
ary lines.

By Mr. Johnson of Lowell, the petition of Francis Jewett, mayor of Lowell, in aid of the petition of Jacob Rogers and others, to change the boundary lines between Lowell and Dracut. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Shell-fisheries.

By Mr. Howes of Dennis, the petition of the selectmen of Dennis and 29 others, citizens of that town, for the protection of shell-fisheries. Referred to the committee on Fisheries.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mechanics'
liens.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, the petition of R. T. Paine, Jr., for a change in the laws relating to mechanics' liens; also a petition of the same gentleman for a change in the building laws of the city of Boston.

Boston building
laws.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, the petition of the county treasurers of Middlesex and Worcester, for an increase of salaries. Treasurers of Middlesex and Worcester Counties.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Davis of Ware, a bill to amend an act concerning dogs. Dogs. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on Just and Equal Taxation consider the expediency of amending section 4 of chapter 12 of the General Statutes, so that assessors of taxes may issue a special warrant to collect the poll taxes of persons whose credit is considered doubtful, before the general warrant is placed in the hands of collectors. Collection of poll taxes.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lucas of Carver,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing that the chairman of the board of selectmen may administer oaths in town affairs. Administration of oaths in town affairs.

On motion of Mr. Fiske of Needham,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether further legislation is necessary to the proper understanding of chapter 189 of the acts of 1872, entitled "an act relating to small-pox." Small-pox.

On motion of Mr. Lucas of Carver,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 21, General Statutes, and acts and resolves of 1865, chapter 96, relating to the returning and recording of births, marriages and deaths, so that more perfect records may be kept. Births, marriages and deaths.

On motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston,—

Ordered, That all bills, resolves and other papers that have been, or, under the rules, are to be, printed, shall be read by their titles only, unless the full reading is requested. Reading of bills and resolves.

Papers from the Senate.

A resolve concerning conveyances of Back Bay lands, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was referred in course to the committee on the Judiciary. Back Bay lands.

Cate National
Horseshoe Co.

The bill to change the name of the Cate National Horse-shoe Company, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was referred in course to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Reports of Committees.

Brighton and
Newton Rail-
road Co.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of the Brighton and Newton Railroad Company, for an extension of time for location and construction of its railroad, and for authority to sell the same, reported leave to withdraw.

Attachments on
real estate.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending chapter 264 of the acts of 1870, relating to attachments and levies on real estate.

Woman as
school commit-
tees.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to declare that women are eligible as members of school committees, reported, as a substitute therefor, an order requesting the opinion of the justices of the supreme judicial court upon the following question: "Under the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, can a woman be a member of a school committee?"

Committee
hearings.

Mr. Morss of Newburyport, from the committee on Printing, to whom was referred the order relative to adding to the orders of the day a list of the hearings of committees and the subjects assigned for consideration, made a report, recommending that the Sergeant-at-Arms prepare such lists, to be appended in the orders for the succeeding day.

Troy and
Greenfield Rail-
road Co.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the order providing that 1,200 copies of the House Document, No. 9, being the report of the engineer of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, be printed for the use of members of the General Court, reported that the order ought to be adopted with an amendment, striking out the words "with the accompanying map."

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Boston—voting
lists.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the city of Boston for the passage of an act to change the mode of preparing voting lists and of registering voters in said city, &c., reported a bill to establish the board of registrars of voters of the city of Boston, and to regulate the prepara-

tion and revision of the voting lists in said city. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the committee on Finance, Hoosac Tunnel. reported that the resolve to provide for expense incurred in the supervision of the Hoosac Tunnel, ought to pass. The resolve was ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Morss of Newburyport, from the committee on Vienna Expo- Printing, to whom was referred the order relative to print-sition. ing five hundred copies, in addition to the usual number, of the reports of the commissioner and associate commissioner from this Commonwealth to the Vienna Exposition, reported that the order ought to be adopted. The report was accepted under a suspension of the rule.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Judd of Lee, re- Precept. questing the Speaker to issue his precept for an election to fill the vacancy in the Second Franklin District, was adopted.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

To authorize the city of Boston to take and hold land Orders of the and other property for a landing for the East Boston ferry-day. boats ;

To extend the charter of the Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and to authorize the same to hold real estate ;

To authorize the Society of Oblate Fathers for Missions among the poor to hold additional real estate ;

For the preservation of lobsters ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill relating to district courts was read, the amendments proposed by the committee on the Judiciary were adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The resolution concerning the centennial celebration of the declaration of independence, was debated at length.

Mr. Noble of Westfield, moved to amend by adding at the end of the resolution the words : " Provided that no appropriation shall be made from the national treasury."

Mr. Perkins of Boston, moved to amend the resolution by substituting therefor the following resolution :—

" *Resolved*, That the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, approve of celebrating the centennial anniversary of the Declaration of Indepen-

dence by an exhibition in the city of Philadelphia, which shall be worthy of the United States and of the great event which it is intended to commemorate."

Mr. Buxton of Boston, moved the previous question, pending which motion, on motion of Mr. Adams of Waltham, the House

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 13, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions.

Woman suf-
frage.

By Mr. Winslow of Worcester, the petition of Henry Blanchard and 120 others of Worcester; by Mr. Boynton of Westborough, the petition of Daniel S. Whitney and 27 others of Southborough; by Mr. Gray of Springfield, the petition of Samuel D. Heath and 70 others of Springfield; by Mr. Sibley of Auburn, the petition of Elnathan Davis and 19 others,—all for woman suffrage.

These petitions were severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Prison for
women.

By Mr. Manny of Winchester, the petition of Charles O. Gage and 34 others of Arlington; by Mr. Williams of Brookline, the petition of W. A. Wellman and 26 others of Brookline; by Mr. Clark of Boston, the petition of Sarah M. Grimke and 32 others of Hyde Park; by Mr. Porter of Beverly, the petition of John L. Eaton and 37 others of Manchester,—all for a separate prison for female convicts.

Do.

By Mr. Phillips of Springfield, the petitions of Mrs. A. D. Briggs and 119 others of Springfield, and of M. E. Foster and 71 others of the same city, for a state reformatory prison for women.

Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

Newton—water
supply.

By Mr. Robinson of Newton, the petition of the city of Newton for a supply of water. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Just and equal
taxation.

By Mr. Manny of Winchester, the petition of J. F. Dwinell and others of Winchendon; by Mr. Whiting of Pembroke, the petitions of N. F. White of Springfield and

91 others, and R. W. Reynolds and 72 others of Fall River,—all for just and equal taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on that subject.

By Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, the petition of Wm. Lloyd Garrison and 67 others for an amendment of the laws so that persons confined in insane asylums may communicate with their friends by letter, subject only to the inspection of the Board of State Charities. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Insane asylums.

By Mr. Banister of Worcester, the remonstrance of C. M. Lamson, pastor of the Salem Church in Worcester, and 35 other Congregational ministers of Massachusetts, against the sale of the Old South Church. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Old South Society.

By Mr. Adams of Quincy, the petition of S. E. Sewall and others for an appropriation of a portion of the proceeds of the dog tax to the use of the Mission for Animals. Referred to the committee on Agriculture. Mission for animals.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Stebbins of Chelsea, the petition of the selectmen of Revere to be included within the jurisdiction of the police court of Chelsea. Revere—criminal business.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Dickinson of Amherst,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the first section of chap. 34 of the special laws of 1824, entitled "an act to establish a college in the town of Amherst," that the five members of the board of trustees now elected by ballot of the legislature in convention of both branches, as they occur, shall hereafter be elected by the alumni of said college. Amherst College.

And that the amount of the annual net income of real or personal estate which said college may now receive, may be increased.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further legislation to define the jurisdiction of trial justices of juvenile offenders in Suffolk County. Juvenile offenders.

District court
for North-West
Worcester.

On motion of Mr. Rich of Royalston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of establishing a district court in North-West Worcester, including under its jurisdiction the towns of Athol, Dana, Petersham, Phillipston, Royalston, Templeton, Gardner, Ashburnham and Winchendon, and report by bill or otherwise.

Resignation of
trustees under
deeds, etc.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of giving to the probate courts of this Commonwealth power to accept the resignation of trustees under a deed or written instrument, and of discharging them from their liability under the same.

Contracts with
officers of cities.

On motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 274 of the acts of 1872, relating to contracts with officers of cities, so as to provide that it shall not apply to any city which shall vote against it on a day specified, or by some other provision modifying the act.

Clerk of Hamp-
den County
courts.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of allowing additional compensation to the clerk of the courts for the county of Hampden for clerk-hire.

Tax Commis-
sioner's Report.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston offered the following order, which was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Printing :—

Ordered, That five hundred extra copies of Table F, in the Tax Commissioner's Report, being the statement of municipal assets and liabilities, be printed for the use of the Legislature, and that five hundred extra copies of the report be printed for the use of the Tax Commission.

Woman suf-
frage.

On motion of Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston,—

Ordered, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be given to the joint committee on Woman Suffrage, on Wednesday, February 18, for the purpose of a public hearing.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Kellogg Steam
Power Co.

To incorporate the Kellogg Steam Power Company, of Pittsfield ;

To establish the name and fix the capital of the Bridge-
water Iron Manufacturing Company ; and

Bridgewater
Iron Manufac-
turing Co.

To change the name of the Evangelical Society in Leo-
minster ;

Evangelical
Society.

(Which had passed to be engrossed in the Senate ;)

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day
for a second reading to-morrow.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, that no
legislation is necessary, on the annual report of the Cattle
Commissioners, accepted in the Senate, was read and
placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Cattle commis-
sioners.

The report of a committee of conference on the intro-
duction and reference of the bill to amend the charter of
the Mill Owners' Fire Insurance Company, the House
having non-concurred with the Senate in granting leave to
introduce the bill, was accepted in concurrence. The
committee reported that the House recede from its vote,
non-concurring in the reference of the bill, and concur
with the Senate in referring said bill to the committee on
Insurance.

Mill Owners'
Fire Ins. Co.

The petition of Nathaniel Adams and others, for incor-
poration as the Mechanics' Savings Bank, in Boston, was
referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Banks and
Banking.

Mechanics' Sav-
ings Bank.

A message was received from the Senate, announcing
the election, on its part, of Alexander Agassiz as a trustee
to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the Museum
of Comparative Zoölogy.

Alexander
Agassiz.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Labor
consider and report whether any, and if any what, action
should be taken by the present legislature with reference
to that part of the Governor's Address contained in the
following quotation from page 36 :—

Governor's Ad-
dress—social
condition of
working classes.

"Along with legislation for giving effect to the census
requirement, I hope provision will be made for as search-
ing an inquiry by the labor bureau as is practicable, into
the social condition of our working classes."

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Banks
and Banking consider the expediency of appointing a board
of commissioners for the examination of savings banks.

Board of Sav-
ings Bank Ex-
aminers.

A resolution rescinding and annulling a resolution passed
December 18, 1872, relating to army register and national

Army register
and battle-flags.

flags, passed by the Senate and sent down for concurrence, was considered.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg moved to postpone consideration of the same until Tuesday, February 17. Lost.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston gave notice that he should call for the yeas and nays on the main question.

Mr. Kelley of Newburyport asked to be excused from voting, which request was refused.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston moved to amend the resolution by adding, "and the General Court now assembled approves of the sentiments expressed by said bill." The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Cushing of Hingham moved the previous question, which motion was negatived.

Mr. Bassett of Easthampton moved to recommit to the committee on Federal Relations, with instructions to report a resolution in commendation of Hon. Charles Sumner, and his honest, independent course in the United States Senate.

Mr. Davis of Ware moved that the further consideration of the matter be postponed until Wednesday, February 18. Negatived.

Mr. Adams of Waltham called for the yeas and nays on the motion to recommit. Refused.

The motion to recommit was then negatived.

Mr. Sleeper of Malden moved to amend the resolution by adding the words, "*provided*, that we do not hereby approve of mutilating the army register of the United States."

Mr. House of North Bridgewater moved to amend Mr. Sleeper's amendment by adding, "*also, provided*, that it shall not be construed as a censure of the legislature of 1872."

Both amendments were rejected.

The yeas and nays were ordered on the main question.

Motions to adjourn, by Mr. Blaney of Peabody; to postpone until Monday, by Mr. Fiske of Needham, and to postpone indefinitely, by Mr. Bigelow of Boston, were severally negatived.

The vote was then taken on the main question, and the House concurred with the Senate in passing the resolution, as follows :—

RESOLUTION rescinding and annulling a Resolution passed December eighteenth, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, relating to Army Register and National Flags.

Resolved, That the resolution passed on the eighteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, at the extra session of the legislature of that year, relating to a bill introduced in the Senate of the United States concerning the army register and regimental colors of the United States, be and hereby is rescinded and annulled.

The yeas and nays were as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
William A. Adams,
John Q. Adams,
Charles Alden,
Emory Banister,
Patrick Barry,
John H. Bell,
Robert R. Bishop,
William E. Blunt,
Enos W. Boise,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,
William B. Brown,
James N. Buffum,
Stillman Butterworth,
Aaron O. Buxton,
James H. Carleton,
Cyrus W. Chapman,
Charles R. Codman,
Patrick Collins,
Austin H. Connell,
J. W. Coveney,
George G. Crocker,
Ben. C. Currier,
John Cushing,
Curtis Davis,
Henry C. Davis,
John Davol, Jr.,
I. W. Derby,
Jarvis N. Dunham,
Joseph M. Eaton,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
Augustus B. Endicott,
James E. Estabrook,
John B. Fairbanks,
Joseph E. Fiske,

Messrs. John E. Fitzgerald,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
Eustace C. Fitz,
Asahel Gates,
Andrew J. Gove,
Charles Hale,
Nahum B. Hall,
Solomon E. Hallett,
Horace Haskins,
John F. Haskins,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Benj. F. Hayes,
Sam'l M. Haynes,
Allen Higginbottom,
John B. Hill,
James E. Hill,
Geo. Hodges,
N. E. Hollis,
Benj. Howard,
David P. Howes,
Andrew Howes,
Francis M. Hughes,
Edward G. Hull,
John B. Hull,
Erastus Jones,
George W. Jones,
George P. Kingsley,
William S. Knox,
Samuel O. Lamb,
Henry D. Lay,
Daniel J. Lewis,
Willard Lewis,
Joseph C. Little,
Lewis Lombard,
Henry B. Lovering,

Messrs. Horatio A. Lucas,
 John T. Manny,
 Lyman Mason,
 Albert Mason,
 Horace H. Mayhew,
 Edward McCleave,
 James L. Merritt,
 John F. Moors,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 William H. Murray,
 Avery W. Nelson,
 W. Stanley Newhall,
 Reuben Noble,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Richard Olney,
 Almon M. Orcutt,
 Lysander J. Orcutt,
 Charles S. Osgood,
 Albert Palmer,
 James O. Parker,
 Smith R. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Richard Pope,
 Edward B. Rankin,

Messrs. John W. Rice,
 J. A. Rich,
 George D. Robinson,
 Charles Robinson, Jr.,
 John E. Sanford,
 John Savery,
 Nathaniel Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 Warren Sibley,
 William L. Slade,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Albert Smith,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Richard H. Stearns,
 Isaac Stebbins,
 John H. Studley,
 Daniel J. Sweeney,
 George W. Taft,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Moses Williams, Jr.,
 James B. Williams,
 Henry W. Wright,
 George C. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. George Bartholmesz,
 William G. Bassett,
 John Bigelow,
 Stephen F. Blaney,
 John C. Blood,
 S. W. Brayton,
 Richard Britton,
 Albe C. Clark,
 Francis E. Clark,
 L. J. Cole,
 John A. Cummings,
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
 Edward Eaton,
 John H. Fisher,
 John W. Fletcher,
 William Frost,
 George S. Gates,
 Ziba Gay,
 Wm. B. Gibson,
 Sam'l S. Gleason,
 Elbridge H. Goss,
 Brownell Granger,
 Benj. Heath,

Messrs. Joseph W. Hill,
 T. M. House,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Edward J. Johnson,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Elbridge G. Kelley,
 Lucius W. Knight,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Edward P. Loring,
 Aaron Low,
 Julius M. Lyon,
 David Mayhew,
 Francis E. Porter,
 J. A. G. Richardson,
 Joseph W. Rogers,
 George J. Sanger,
 Cyrus Savage,
 Henry Shortle,
 J. K. C. Sleeper,
 Rufus Smith,
 Sumner Southworth,
 Artemas S. Tyler,

Messrs. Warren Tyler, Messrs. Henry W. Wilson.
Robert R. Wiley,

Yeas, 118 ; Nays, 49.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Smalley of Harwich, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William H. Hammond for state aid, reported a resolve in favor of said Hammond ; which was referred in course to the committee on Finance. Wm. H. Hammond.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to establish the First District Court of Southern Middlesex, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment in section eight, in the third, fourth and fifth lines. The bill was referred to the committee on Finance. First District Court of Southern Middlesex.

Mr. Wellington of Worcester, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill to extend the time for locating and constructing the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad in the town of Winchendon. Read and ordered to a second reading. Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

Concerning elections in cities ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

To repeal sect. 10 of chap. 307 of the acts of the year 1871, authorizing the town of Winchester to take water from the water-pipes and reservoir of the town of Woburn ;

Authorizing the Maverick Congregational Society of Boston to sell its real estate, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve providing for the payment of certain expenses incurred at the militia camp grounds at Framingham (which originated in the House), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 14, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Mr. Nathaniel J. Rust, a member-elect from the third Suffolk district, being present and ready to be qualified, Nath'l J. Rust qualified.

presented his credentials, and a committee consisting of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, conducted him to His Excellency the Governor, to take and subscribe the oaths of office; and having been duly qualified Mr. Rust took his seat in the House. The Speaker appointed Mr. Rust a monitor of the fifth division.

Petitions Presented.

Slaughter-houses.

By Mr. Robinson of Newton, the petition of F. Nickerson & Co., and other merchants and business men of Boston, for such modifications of chapter 167, acts of 1871, as will secure to parties prosecuted under said statute the right of trial by jury.

Cedar Grove Cemetery, Boston.

By Mr. Clark of Boston, the petition of William Pope and F. U. Tracy, to change the time of making the annual report of the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Boston.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Metropolitan police.

By Mr. Hill of Beverly, the petition of the Grand Division Sons of Temperance of Massachusetts, for the establishment of a metropolitan police. Referred to the committee on State Police.

Lowell and Dracut boundary lines.

By Mr. Hall of Dracut, the petitions of E. S. Hunt and 26 others, citizens of Lowell, and George T. Whitney and 6 others, citizens of Dracut, for a change in the boundary lines between the city of Lowell and Dracut. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Gay of Chelmsford, the petition of John B. Melvin and 10 others; by Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, the petition of Henry R. Danforth and 136 others; and by Mr. Morton of Boston, the petition of R. Peterson, Jr. and 32 others,—all for woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Railroad commissioners.

The fifth annual report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners was received, and referred to the committee on Railways, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield,—

Agents of insurance companies.

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance inquire into the expediency of amending chapter one hundred and seventy of the laws of eighteen hundred sixty-one, relating

to the presumption of law, as to what persons shall be deemed to be agents of insurance companies.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of extending the provisions of chap. 151 of the General Statutes, so that keepers of boarding stables may have a lien on horses boarded by them.

Lien on horses by stable-keepers.

Papers from the Senate.

The report of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to the necessity or expediency of providing by general law that foreign insurance companies may hold real estate in this Commonwealth, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Foreign insurance companies.

A bill to establish the salary of the assistant clerk of the municipal court for the Southern District of the city of Boston, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Southern District Municipal Court.

A bill in addition to an act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was referred to the committee on Fisheries.

Cultivation of useful fishes.

The petitions of Andrew Geyer and 25 others of Ipswich, W. W. Johnson and 41 others of Nahant, Anne M. Macy and 289 others of Nantucket, Rev. H. C. Bates and 40 others of Belmont, Margaret W. Lawrence and 188 others of Marblehead; all for a separate prison for female convicts, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Prison for women.

A bill to regulate the speed of railroad trains through villages of towns, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Speed of railroad trains.

The petitions of Alpheus Crosby and 217 others, and Mary U. Ferrin of Salem, for woman suffrage, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Woman suffrage.

The petition of Mrs. A. F. Lane and 15 other ladies of Lowell, for an act incorporating the Young Women's Home in the city of Lowell, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Young Women's Home in Lowell.

The petition of the Water Commissioners of Pittsfield, to take water of Sackett's Brook and its tributaries for further supplying the village of Pittsfield, was referred in

Pittsfield—water supply.

concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Fall Hill Water
Co., of Orange.

A bill to incorporate the Fall Hill Water Company in Orange, introduced on leave, and referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage in the Senate, was ruled by the Chair to come within the 46th rule of the House, prohibiting its introduction on leave.

Mr. Knox of Lawrence, moved that the 46th rule be suspended until the 22d day of February. The motion was carried, and the House then concurred with the Senate in granting leave to introduce the bill, and it was referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Savings banks.

The petition of T. H. Smith and 75 others, for a change in the laws relating to savings banks, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Fees received by
state constables.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Secretary of the Commonwealth ascertain the amount of fees received by state constables for services in criminal cases from June 10, A. D. 1868, to June 26, 1871, and whether such fees so received have been paid into the several county treasuries; and if not, what officers have failed to make such payments, and the amounts due from them severally.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to amending chapter 264 of the acts of 1870, relating to attachments and levies on real estate, was accepted.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, that no legislation is necessary, on the annual report of the cattle commissioners, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad in the town of Winchendon;

To change the name of the Evangelical Society in Leominster;

To incorporate the Kellogg Steam Power Company of Pittsfield; and

To establish the name and fix the capital of the Bridge-water Iron Manufacturing Company;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to extend the charter of the Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and to authorize the same to hold real estate, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the city of Boston to take and hold land and other property for a landing for the East Boston ferry-boats ;

To authorize the society of Oblate Fathers for Missions among the poor to hold additional real estate ;

Were read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolution concerning the centennial celebration of the Declaration of Independence, was considered.

Mr. Osgood of Salem, moved that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until Monday, but the motion was lost. After considerable debate, on motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the resolution was recommitted to the committee on Federal Relations.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To extend the time allowed certain fire insurance companies for increasing their capital stock ; and

In further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 16, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Goss of Melrose, the petition of E. R. Mudge, Sawyer & Co., and other firms and individuals, merchants and business men of Boston ; and by Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, the petition of Chas. J. Adams and 125 other citizens of Cambridge, for such modification of chapter 167, acts of 1871, as that parties prosecuted under said statute

Slaughter-houses.

shall have the right of trial by jury. Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

New avenue in
Cambridge.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, the petition of the city of Cambridge, to provide for the laying out and establishing of an avenue from Brattle Square in Cambridge, to Market Street in Ward 19, Boston. Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Hayes of Medford, the petition of Jacob Davis and 67 other citizens of Medford, for woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Miller's River.

By Mr. Harris of Wrentham, the remonstrance of Joseph McGoun and 25 others, citizens of Cambridge, against any change in chapter 304, acts of 1873, being an act for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Annexation of
Cambridge to
Boston.

By Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, the remonstrance of Joshua G. Gooch and 43 others; and by Mr. Smith of Cambridge, the remonstrance of Robert O. Fuller and 43 others, against the passage of an act annexing the city of Cambridge to the city of Boston.

Annexation of
Dracut to
Lowell.

By Mr. Johnson of Lowell, the petition of George F. Whitney and 54 others, for the annexation of a portion of Dracut to Lowell.

Annexation of
Fairhaven to
New Bedford.

By Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, the petition of Thomas Nye, Jr., and others, for the annexation of Fairhaven to the city of New Bedford.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Preservation of
deer.

By Mr. Mason of Plymouth, the petition of E. E. Swift and nine others, for the repeal of chapter 320, acts of 1871, entitled an act for the preservation of deer. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Daniel E.
Damon.

By Mr. Lucus of Carver, the petition of Daniel E. Damon, register of probate and insolvency for Plymouth County, for an increase of salary, and for clerical assistance.

Wm. B. Howes.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, the petition of William B. Howes of Salem, to have deeds of land made by him, as trustee under the will of Susanna Burley, confirmed and made valid.

Severally referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

On motion of Mr. Moore of Concord, the bill to establish a district court in Central Middlesex, was taken from the files of last year, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. District Court for Central Middlesex.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Louanna Payne for state aid, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Claims. Louanna Payne.

The petition of Onslow Stearns and others, for an act of incorporation under the name of the Old Colony Steamboat Company, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Old Colony Steamboat Company.

The report of the committee on Railways, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to the expediency of providing by law for the appointing by the governor of state directors in railroads, accepted in the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. State directors in railroads.

A bill in relation to taking depositions to perpetuate testimony, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary. Depositions of testimony.

A bill to authorize the Lowell and Andover Railroad Company to cross certain lands of the Commonwealth in the town of Tewksbury, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Railways. Lowell and Andover R. R. Co.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Cambridge, reported a bill to amend "an act for the abatement of a nuisance in the city of Cambridge, and for the preservation of the public health in said city." Miller's River.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred a petition of the mayor of Cambridge, also reported a bill to amend "an act to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances and the preservation of the public health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville." Do.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill in relation to treasurers and collectors of taxes, reported that the same ought to pass. Treasurers and collectors of taxes.

Mr. Bishop of Newton, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the select- Woburn—additional water scrip.

Street railway
corporations.

men of Woburn, reported a bill to authorize the town of Woburn to issue additional water scrip.

Mr. Parker of New Bedford, from the committee on Horse Railways, to whom was referred the bill concerning street railway corporations, reported the same in a new draft.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The report of the committee on Railways, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the Brighton and Newton Railroad Company, for an extension of time for the location and construction of its railroad, and for authority to sell the same, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the order requesting the opinion of the justices of the supreme judicial court upon the following question, "Under the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, can a woman be a member of a school committee?" reported by the committee on the Judiciary as a substitute for a bill to declare that women are eligible as members of school committees, was amended by striking out the words "and laws." Mr. Fiske of Needham moved to amend, so that the questions referred to the court should embrace the right of women to hold any office under the constitution and laws, but the Chair ruled the amendment out of order, as admitting different subject-matters, and, therefore, as not germane. The order, as amended, was then substituted for the bill and adopted.

The report of the committee on Printing, on the order relative to adding to the orders of the day a list of the hearings of committees and the subjects assigned for consideration, was amended on motion of Mr. Morss of Newburyport, so as to provide that the hearings shall be those to be held on the next day after their appearance in the orders. The report, as amended, was accepted.

The amendment reported by the committee on Printing to the order providing that 1,200 copies of the House Document, No. 9, being the report of the engineer of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, with the accompanying map, be printed for the use of members of the General Court, was rejected. On motion of Mr. Granger of Boston, the

order was then amended so as to provide for the printing of that section of the map included between Grout's Corner and Bardwell's Ferry. The order, as amended, was adopted.

The bill to establish the board of registrars of voters of the city of Boston, and to regulate the preparation and revision of the voting lists in said city, was read and amended in the fourth section on motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston, and was then ordered to a third reading.

The resolve to provide for expense incurred in the supervision of the Hoosac Tunnel, was read and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the bill for the preservation of lobsters was recommitted to the committee on Fisheries.

Bills :

Relating to district courts ;

To change the name of the Evangelical Society in Leominster ;

To incorporate the Kellogg Steam Power Company, of Pittsfield ; and

To establish the name and fix the capital of the Bridgewater Iron Manufacturing Company (amended on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston) ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to extend the time for locating and constructing the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad in the town of Winchendon, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Insurance, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the necessity or expediency of providing by general law that foreign insurance companies may hold real estate in this Commonwealth, was accepted in concurrence.

At a quarter before four o'clock, the House Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 17, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*Eastern Rail-
road—depot
accommoda-
tions.

By Mr. Sleeper of Malden, the petition of Columbus Corey and others, selectmen of the town of Everett, for the passage of an act requiring the Eastern Railroad to furnish better depot accommodations.

Newburyport.

By Mr. Carrier of Newburyport, the petition of the city of Newburyport, to loan its credit or otherwise aid in the construction of the Exeter and Salisbury Railroad.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

Emily F. Wood.

By Mr. Wheaton of Rehoboth, the petition of Emily F. Wood for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims.

J. R. Langley
et als.

By Mr. Sanger of Danvers, the petition of J. R. Langley and others of Danvers, for leave to take water from Swan and Middleton Ponds in North Reading and Middleton, for domestic and other purposes. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Barre Centen-
nial anniver-
sary.

By Mr. Rice of Barre, the petition of the selectmen of Barre and others of the same town, for authority to appropriate money to defray the expense of celebrating the centennial anniversary of its incorporation. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Malden River.

By Mr. Hayes of Medford, the petition of James R. Fillebrown and others, of the town of Everett, for leave to bridge Malden River. Also, the petition of J. T. Foster and others, in aid of the same. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

First Parish of
West Roxbury.

By Mr. Olney of Boston, the petition of the first parish of West Roxbury, for an act to enable said parish to tax its pews to meet current expenses.

First Religious
Society of
Blandford.

By Mr. Boise of Blandford, the petition of the pastor, officers and members of the First Religious or Congregational Society of Blandford, for an act of incorporation.

Severally referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

By Mr. Curtis of Marlborough, the petition of N. Witherbee and 42 other citizens of Marlborough, for an act to prohibit the taking of rabbits by the use of ferrets. Referred to the committee on Agriculture. Hunting of rabbits.

By Mr. Phillips of Springfield, the petitions of Mrs. Caroline Bates and 90 others, and Mrs. G. A. Kibbe and 63 others, of Springfield, for a state reformatory prison for women. Prison for women.

By Mr. Haynes of Berlin, the petition of Horace Dutton and 114 other citizens of Northborough, for a separate prison for female convicts. Do.

Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

By Mr. Bartholmesz of Boston, the petition of J. Greene Jones and Chas. M. Winchester and 1,911 others, residents of Boston, requesting that authority be granted to the Highland Street Railway Company to run its cars to Cornhill and Haymarket Square. Referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Highland Street Railway Co.

By Mr. Morss of Newburyport, the petition of the trustees of the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank for change of name. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Newburyport Savings Bank.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the petition of Barnard C. Marchant, county treasurer of Dukes County, and of others, that said treasurer may have an increase of pay. Barnard C. Marchant.

By Mr. Judd of Lee, the petition of Harrison Garfield and others, for an increase of the salary of Isaac C. Ives, justice of the police court of Lee, from \$500 to \$800. Isaac C. Ives.

By Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, the petition of Thomas Hall and W. W. Blake, constables of the municipal court of Boston, for an increase of salary. Thomas Hall and W. W. Blake.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider and report such legislation as they may deem expedient in regard to connecting railroads, and the right to use railroads by transportation companies and individuals. Legislation concerning connecting railroads, &c.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hull of Ipswich,—

District court in
Essex County.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of the establishment of a district court in Essex County, to include the city of Newburyport, and the towns of Salisbury, Amesbury, West Newbury, Newbury and Rowley.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Chicopee,—

Election of fire
district treas-
urers.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing for the election of treasurers in fire districts.

Introduced on Leave.

Discharged
female prison-
ers.

By Mr. Lincoln of Boston, a resolve in aid of discharged female prisoners. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Papers from the Senate.

Commissioners
of prisons.

The Third Annual Report of the Commissioners of Prisons, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Mass. Agricul-
tural College.

A message from the Governor, transmitting the annual report of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture.

Springfield—
Union Street
Methodist Epis-
copal Church.

The petition of the Union Street Methodist Episcopal Church of Springfield, for a change of name, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Turner's Falls
Co.

The petition of the Turner's Falls Company for amendment of its charter, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Manufactures.

Massachusetts
School Fund.

A communication from the treasurer, transmitting the annual report of the Commissioners of the Massachusetts School Fund, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

Duxbury and
Cohasset R. R.
Co.

The petition of the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company for extension of time to complete its road, and for authority to hold meetings in Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Reports of Committees.

Robt. S. Ran-
toul.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the report of the attorney-

general, reported a resolve in favor of Robert S. Rantoul. Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Tyler of Lowell, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the petition of the Arlington Five Cents Savings Bank for leave to hold real estate, reported that no legislation is necessary. Arlington Savings Bank.

Mr. Billings of Sharon, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the petition of the trustees of the Nichols Academy, in Dudley, for aid, reported leave to withdraw. Nichols Academy.

These reports were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that the Senate resolve concerning conveyances of Back Bay lands ought to pass, and the resolve was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow. Back Bay lands.

Mr. Johnson of Lowell, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred a bill, introduced on leave, to authorize the Lowell and Andover Railroad Company to cross certain lands of the Commonwealth in the town of Tewksbury, reported that the same ought to pass, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow. Lowell and Andover Railroad.

Mr. Williams of Brookline, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Old Colony Railroad Company, reported a bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to purchase the Middleborough and Taunton Railroad. Old Colony Railroad.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to amending chapter 309, acts of 1873, concerning the salary of the clerk of the courts for Hampshire County, reported a bill concerning the salaries of clerks of the counties. Salary of clerks of counties.

Mr. Tyler of Lowell, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred a petition concerning the savings banks at Newton, reported a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Institution for Savings in the town of Newton. Newton Savings Bank.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The report of the committee on Railways, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of providing by law for the appointing by the governor of state directors in railroads, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To amend "an act for the abatement of a nuisance in the city of Cambridge, and for the preservation of the public health in said city";

To amend "an act to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances and the preservation of the public health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville";

To authorize the town of Woburn to issue additional water scrip;

Concerning street railway corporations;

In relation to treasurers and collectors of taxes;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to establish the board of registrars of voters of the city of Boston, and to regulate the preparation and revision of the voting lists in said city, was amended in the sixth section, on motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve providing for the payment of expenses incurred in the supervision of the Hoosac Tunnel, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

At 3.10 the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 18, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Sanger of Danvers.

Petitions Presented.

Annexation of
Tewksbury to
Lowell.

By Mr. Gay of Chelmsford, the remonstrance of Nathaniel Trull and 57 others, of Tewksbury, against the annexation of any part of said town to Lowell.

By Mr. Hayes of Medford, the petition of the selectmen and 100 others, of Medford, for the annexation of that town to the city of Boston. Annexation of Medford to Boston.

By Mr. Coveney of Cambridge, the remonstrance of L. Marritt and 132 others, against the passage of an act to annex the city of Cambridge to the city of Boston. Annexation of Cambridge to Boston.

By Mr. Johnson of Lowell, the petition of E. B. Patch and 51 others, citizens of Lowell and Dracut, for the annexation of a portion of Dracut to Lowell. Annexation of Dracut to Lowell.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Jones of Boston, the petition of the Fitchburg Railroad, for extension of time for locating and completing a branch of their railroad. Fitchburg Railroad.

By Mr. Seaver of Boston, the remonstrance of the Boston Hotel Coach Company and others, against the passage of an act for the incorporation of Henry Blanchard and others, as the New England Transportation Company. New England Transportation Co.

By Mr. Southworth of Williamstown, the petition of B. F. Mills, of Williamstown, for extension of time to locate the Williamstown and Hancock Railroad. Williamstown and Hancock Railroad.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the petition of the Old Colony Railroad Company, for extension of time of powers granted under chapter 295 of the acts of 1872, and for other purposes. Old Colony Railroad.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

By Mr. Moors of Greenfield, the petition of Thomas C. Amory, Edward L. Pierce and 17 others, for a revisal of the laws of settlement. Referred to the committee on. Settlement laws.
Public Charitable Institutions.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petition of John Bertram and others, of Salem, in aid of the petition of S. E. Sewall and others. Referred to the committee on Agriculture. Dog tax.

By Mr. Noble of Westfield, the petition of Samuel Horton and 163 others, of Westfield, for the passage of a law by which the holder of real estate may deduct, for the purposes of taxation, the amount for which his real property is mortgaged. Taxation of mortgaged property.

By Mr. Nutting of Northampton, the petitions of J. L. Otis and 40 others, and Joseph Marsh and 170 others, of Northampton; by Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, the petition of J. H. Campbell, of Charlestown, and 214 others of Boston and vicinity; by Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, the petition of A. B. Plimpton of Lowell, and 185 others of Just and equal taxation.

Lowell, Chelmsford and Newbury; by Mr. Coveney of Cambridge, the petition of John Crosby of Leominster and 80 others; by Mr. Davis of Cambridge, the petition of J. T. Clarkson and 100 others of Amesbury and Salisbury; by Mr. Eldridge of Conway, the petition of Leonard Church and 54 others, of Ashfield; by Mr. Jenkins of Abington, the petition of C. C. Cook and 161 others, of Leominster and other towns; by Mr. Hodges of Oxford, the petition of E. P. Noyes and 91 others, of Gardner; and by Mr. Kimball of Boston, the petition of A. W. Stevens and 214 others, of Boston and Cambridge,—all for just and equal taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Alimony.

By Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, the petition of Mrs. Florence A. Merrill of Boston, for additional legislation on alimony, pending libels for divorce.

H. K. Thatcher
et als.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, the petition of H. K. Thatcher and others, for amendment of chapter 264, acts of 1868, so as to better protect the rights of the people in the taking of lands under said statute.

Clerk of Salem
police court.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petition of Samuel P. Andrews, clerk of the Salem police court, for an increase of salary.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Boston,—

Military uni-
forms.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider and report what legislation, if any, is necessary relating to the regulation and issue of uniforms to the militia.

On motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford,—

Bank cashiers
as brokers.

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of a law prohibiting bank cashiers and treasurers from doing the business of a broker.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Mashpee—
repair of roads.

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges inquire into the expediency of repealing section 5 of chapter 293 of the acts of the year 1870, in relation to the

construction and repair of roads within the town of Mashpee.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Chicopee,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of additional legislation to authorize the attachment of the personal property of a copartnership in suits against the members of the copartnership individually. Suits against partners.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of enlarging the judicial district now under the jurisdiction of the police court of Springfield, by including within the jurisdiction of said court, the towns of Agawam, Longmeadow, West Springfield and Wilbraham, in Hampden County, and to fix the salaries of the justice and clerk of said court. Jurisdiction of Springfield police court.

On motion of Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston,—

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be given the committee on Woman Suffrage, to-morrow, February 19, for the purpose of a public hearing. Woman suffrage.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, offered the following order, which was laid over until to-morrow :—

Ordered, That rule 55 of the House shall be so construed as to include within its provisions, resolutions and joint resolutions. House Rule No. 55.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Judd of Lee, a bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company. Referred to the committee on Railways, and sent up for concurrence. Lee and New Haven Railroad.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

To amend chapter 201 of the acts of 1872, to establish the Second District Court of Southern Worcester; and Second District Court of Southern Worcester.

To incorporate the Massachusetts Anglers' Association; Massachusetts Anglers' Association.
Which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

The report of the committee on Railways, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of so much of Street railways.

the Fifth Annual Report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners as refers to street railways, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Horse Railways, was accepted in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Boston gas companies.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the city of Boston, that the city may have authority to require gas companies located within its limits to lay down pipes, reported leave to withdraw.

Adulteration of food.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to further legislation on the adulteration of articles of food and drink.

These reports were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Cate National Horseshoe Co.

Mr. Cheney of Orange, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the Senate bill to change the name of the Cate National Horseshoe Company, reported that the same ought to pass.

First District Court of Southern Middlesex.

Mr. Loud of Winchendon, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Senate bill to establish the First District Court of Southern Middlesex, reported that it ought to pass.

These bills were placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Sarah M. Tuttle.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported that the resolve in favor of Sarah M. Tuttle ought not to pass.

Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

Mr. Loud, of Winchendon, from the same committee, reported that the resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau ought not to pass.

These resolves were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on their rejection.

Tax Commissioner's Report.

Mr. Morss of Newburyport, from the committee on Printing, to whom was referred the order relative to printing one thousand extra copies of Table F in the Tax Commissioner's Report, being the statement of municipal assets and liabilities, reported that the same ought to pass. Under a suspension of the rule, the report was considered and accepted.

Mr. Moors of Greenfield, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the bill to amend the charter of the Oread Institute, reported that the same ought to pass. Oread Institute.

Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petition of Geo. A. Curtis and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Boston Protective Department. Boston Protective Department.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to establish the salary of the clerk of the police court of Fitchburg, reported that it ought to pass. Clerk of Fitchburg Police Court.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, reported a bill making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year 1873 and previous years, and for other purposes. Appropriation bill.

Mr. Phelps of Springfield, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of Chas. L. Wood and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Masonic Building Association in New Bedford. Masonic Building Association of New Bedford.

Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the committee on Finance, reported that the resolve in favor of Chester C. Conant ought to pass. Chester C. Conant.

Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, from the same committee, reported that the resolve in favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton, ought to pass. Lunatic Hospital at Taunton.

Mr. Jenkins of Abington, from the same committee, reported that the resolve authorizing the Massachusetts Agricultural College to pay Ira Cook for injuries received while in the employ of said college, ought to pass. Ira Cook.

Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the same committee, reported that the resolve in favor of Ephraim H. Sweetser, ought to pass. Ephraim H. Sweetser.

These bills and resolves were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The reports :

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, that no legislation is necessary on the petition of the Arlington Five Cents Savings Bank, for leave to hold real estate ; and Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Education, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the trustees of the Nichols Academy in Dudley, for aid ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the Lowell and Andover Railroad Company to cross certain lands of the Commonwealth in the town of Tewksbury ;

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to purchase the Middleborough and Taunton Railroad ;

Concerning the salaries of clerks of the counties ;

To amend an act to incorporate the Institution for Savings in the town of Newton ; and a

Resolve concerning conveyances of Back Bay lands ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the bills to amend "an act for the abatement of a nuisance in the city of Cambridge, and for the preservation of the public health in said city," and to amend "an act to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances and the preservation of the public health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville," were laid on the table.

Bills :

To authorize the town of Woburn to issue additional water scrip ; and

Concerning street railway corporations (amended in the fifteenth section, on motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford) ;

Were read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in relation to treasurers and collectors of taxes in cities, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the Society of Oblate Fathers for Missions among the poor to hold additional real estate ;

To change the name of the Evangelical Society in Leominster ;

To incorporate the Kellogg Steam-Power Company of Pittsfield ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 19, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, the petition of the Barnstable County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for extension of charter. Referred to the committee on Insurance. Barnstable County Mutual Life Ins. Co.

By Mr. Phillips of Springfield, the petitions of B. B. Peck and 27 others, and Helen M. Allbe and 99 others of Springfield, for a state reformatory prison for women. Referred to the committee on Prisons. Prison for women.

By Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, the remonstrance of J. C. Bancroft and 79 others, against the annexation of Cambridge to Boston. Annexation of Cambridge to Boston.

By Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, the remonstrance of Joseph Grinnell and others, against the annexation of Fairhaven to New Bedford. Annexation of Fairhaven to New Bedford.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, the petition of Edward Atkinson and 39 others, that some action be taken for the further improvement and future sale of the Commonwealth's flats at South Boston. Referred to the committee on Public Lands. Commonwealth's flats at South Boston.

By Mr. Buffum of Lynn, the petition of B. J. Berry, for the incorporation of himself and others as a water company. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. B. J. Berry.

By Mr. Robinson of Falmouth, the petition of Abisha Phinney and 49 others, for a law restricting the time of taking and catching eels in the waters of Falmouth. Catching of eels at Falmouth.

By Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the petition of J. H. Smith and others, citizens of Edgartown, for authority to control the waters of Oyster Pond in Edgartown for a fishery. Edgartown—Oyster Pond.

Severally referred to the committee on Fisheries.

By Mr. Dacey of Boston, the petition of John B. Bartlett and others, to be incorporated under the name of the Independent Order of Grangers. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. I. O. of Grangers.

Just and equal
taxation.

By Mr. Kelley of Newburyport, the petition of John Buntin and 854 others of Newburyport; and by Mr. Haynes of Berlin, the petition of Wm. Bassett and 29 others of Berlin, for just and equal taxation. Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Flag station at
Westfield.

By Mr. Noble of Westfield, the remonstrances of Merritt Van Dusen and 32 others; Wm. H. Harrison and 128 others; Wm. O. Fletcher and 117 others; and Jas. H. Waterman and 42 others,—all against the petition for a flag station at or near Main Street crossing, in Westfield.

Terminal rail-
road grounds at
South Boston.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, the petition of Edward Atkinson and 36 others, doing business in Boston, that some action be taken to see in what manner the several lines of railroad leading to the west and north-west may be concentrated on terminal grounds at South Boston.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Nichols
Academy.

By Mr. Hodges of Oxford, the petition of the trustees of Nichols Academy for permission to mortgage their property.

Sealers of
weights and
measures—com-
pensation.

By Mr. Newhall of Lynn, the petition of the mayor of Lynn, for a change in the statutes, so that the compensation of sealers of weights and measures shall be differently regulated by the city council.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Wm. T. Hart et
als.

By Mr. Bishop of Newton, the petition of Wm. T. Hart and others, trustees, for the application of the sinking fund provided for by chapter 134 of the acts of 1854. Referred to the committee on Finance.

Introduced on Leave.

Mattapoisett—
public common.

By Mr. Washburn of Lakeville, a bill to amend an act relating to a public common in the town of Mattapoisett. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Trout.

By Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, a bill to amend section 28, chapter 384 of the acts of 1869, in relation to catching trout. Referred to the committee on Fisheries.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Hours of labor.

The petition of Lawrence Gibney and others, that sixty hours' labor may constitute a week's work in manufactur-

ing establishments, and be so distributed that Saturday shall be a "short day," so called, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Labor Question.

The petition of Bradford Weston and others, for modification of the law in relation to the killing of black ducks and teal, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture. Black ducks and teal.

The petition of the water commissioners of the city of Springfield, to be allowed to take land in the town of Belchertown, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Springfield water commissioners.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Fisheries consider if any legislation is necessary for the protection of the inland fisheries. Protection of inland fisheries.

A bill to increase the capital stock of the Nantucket and Cape Cod Steamboat Company, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Nantucket and Cape Cod Steamboat Co.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider and report such modifications as they may deem expedient of section 3 of chapter 325 of the laws of 1870, relative to the subscription to stock of railroad corporations and the guarantee of railroad bonds by towns and cities. Subscription to railroad stocks.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield,—

Ordered, That the special committee on Just and Equal Taxation consider the expediency of repealing chapter 315 of the laws of 1873, relating to taxation of bank shares, and to substitute a statute therefor, that shall authorize the taxation of bank shares direct in the towns where the owner resides. Taxation of bank shares.

On motion of Mr. Buffum of Lynn,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways be instructed to inquire if the time has fully come when the interests of the Commonwealth require it to exercise its reserved right to take the franchise and property of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company. Boston and Albany Railroad.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider what legislation, if any, is necessary to secure a more Publication of supreme judicial court cases.

prompt publication of the reports of cases argued and determined in the Supreme Judicial Court.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy,—

Compensation
of special jus-
tices of district
courts.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any legislation is necessary in regard to the law regulating the method of paying special justices of district courts.

On motion of Mr. Cushing of Hingham,—

Sureties on
bonds.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of legislation requiring notification of sureties on bonds by corporations for whose officers such bonds are given.

Leasing of
railroads.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, an order relative to amending or repealing chapter 180 of the laws of 1872, relative to leasing railroads, was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston,—

Liquor Commis-
sioner's Report.

Ordered, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to furnish the legislature with a copy of the report of the Liquor Commissioner for the year 1873.

Reports of Committees.

Returns of
sheriffs and
registers of
deeds.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the abstracts of sheriffs' returns and the returns of registers of deeds, reported that no legislation is necessary thereon.

Certificates of
corporations.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported that no legislation is necessary on the abstract of certificates of corporations.

Discharged con-
victs.

Mr. Jones of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, to whom was referred the report of the agent for aiding discharged convicts, reported that no legislation is necessary.

These reports were severally considered under a suspension of the rule and accepted, the last one being sent up for concurrence.

Attleborough
Water Supply
District.

Mr. Currier of Newburyport, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, to whom was referred the petition of the Attleborough Water Supply District for authority to raise additional sums of money, asked to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and

recommended that it be referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Joseph Tucker and others, reported a bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the District Court for central Berkshire.

Clerk of Central Berkshire District Court.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported that a bill, introduced on leave, to fix the salary of the clerk of the District Court of southern Berkshire, ought to pass in a new draft.

Clerk of Southern Berkshire District Court.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the same committee, to whom was referred the annual report of the Attorney-General, reported a bill to amend chapter 162 of the General Statutes, being an act concerning forgery and offences against the currency.

Forgery of currency.

Mr. Mason of Boston, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of the town of Medway, reported a resolve directing the secretary of State to provide the town of Medway with certain documents.

Documents for Medway.

These bills and resolve were severally referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the justice and clerk of the District Court of East Norfolk, for an increase of salary, reported leave to withdraw.

Justice and clerk of East Norfolk District Court.

Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Hallett of Chatham, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported the bill to unite the American Education Society and the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education, in a new draft.

American Education Society.

Mr. Hull of Stockbridge, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Andrew K. Ober and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Beverly.

Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Beverly.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Attorney-General's report, reported a bill relating to embezzlements by receivers and other officers appointed by courts of record.

Embezzlements by receivers, etc.

Mr. Cheney of Orange, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Wm.

Frohsinn Singing Society.

Schroeder, reported a bill to incorporate the Frohsinn Singing Society of North Attleborough.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The order laid over from yesterday, relative to placing resolutions and joint resolutions in the orders of the day, was adopted.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of the city of Boston, that the city may have authority to require gas companies located within its limits to lay down pipes ; and

That it is inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to further legislation on the adulteration of articles of food and drink ;

Were severally accepted.

Bills :

To amend the charter of the Oread Institute ;

To incorporate the Boston Protective Department ;

To establish the salary of the clerk of the police court of Fitchburg ;

Making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year 1873 and previous years, and for other purposes ;

To incorporate the Masonic Building Association in New Bedford ; and

To change the name of the Cate National Horseshoe Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Sprague of Framingham moved to amend the bill to establish the First District Court of Southern Middlesex, so that the salary of the judge of said court should be \$2,000 instead of \$1,600, but the amendment was rejected, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Resolves :

In favor of Chester C. Conant ;

In favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton ;

Authorizing the Massachusetts Agricultural College to pay Ira Cook for injuries received while in the employ of said college ; and

In favor of Ephraim H. Sweetser ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cummings of Somerville, the resolve in favor of Sarah M. Tuttle was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Boston, the resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau, was recommitted to the committee on Finance.

Bills :

To authorize the Lowell and Andover Railroad Company to cross certain lands of the Commonwealth in the town of Tewksbury ;

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to purchase the Middleborough and Taunton Railroad ; and

To amend an act to incorporate the Institution for Savings in the town of Newton ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, the title to the bill concerning the salaries of clerks of the counties, was amended by inserting the words, " courts for the several " *before* the word " counties." Other amendments to the bill, offered by the same gentleman, were adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve concerning conveyances of Back Bay lands, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

An engrossed bill to authorize the city of Boston to take and hold land and other property for a landing for the East Boston ferry-boats (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

An engrossed resolve in relation to the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Adjourned at ten minutes past three.

FRIDAY, February 20, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, the petition of Chas. H. Drew and others of Brookline ; by Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, Prison for female convicts.

the petition of Johnson Noyes and 32 others of Haverhill; by Mr. Curtis of Marlborough, the petition of H. Trull and 29 others of Marlborough; by Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petition of Rev. E. B. Willson and 87 others of Salem; by Mr. Gates of Groton, the petition of Rev. S. R. Priest and 44 others of Littleton; and by Mr. Buffum of Lynn, the petition of M. J. Flanders and 48 others of Lynn,—all for a separate prison for female convicts.

By Mr. Phillips of Springfield, the petition of Rev. E. A. Reed and 112 others of Springfield, for a state reformatory prison for women.

Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

Priscilla Freeman.

By Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the petition of Priscilla Freeman, a survivor of the Deep Bottom Tribe of Indians, for compensation for a certain part of the fishery in Tisbury Great Pond. Referred to the committee on Fisheries.

George W. Tarbox.

By Mr. Bailey of Georgetown, the petition of Geo. W. Tarbox of Georgetown, for state aid.

Thomas Timothy.

By Mr. Nutting of Northampton, the petition of Thomas Timothy for money due him for state aid.

Patrick Haley.

By Mr. Coveney of Cambridge, the petition of Patrick Haley, for bounty.

David W. Low.

By Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, the petition of David W. Low, for state aid for Mary R. Burke.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Ancient Order of Hibernians.

By Mr. Davol of Fall River, the petition of John McNulty and 19 others, to be incorporated under the name of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Frank W. Andrews.

By Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the petition of Frank W. Andrews and others, for an investigation into the affairs of the Boston Water Power Company.

Julius Wittig et als.

By Mr. Haynes of Berlin, the petition of Julius Wittig and 55 others of Clinton, to be incorporated under the name of the Turn Society Frohsinn of Clinton.

Children's Home in Roxbury.

By Mr. Palmer of Boston, the petition of the board of managers of the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury, for a change of name.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Savings bank at South Dennis.

By Mr. Howes of Dennis, the petitions of Levi L. Chase and others, and Alvah Small and others, for the location of a savings bank at South Dennis. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the petition of Priscilla Freeman, for an appropriation to fence a burial lot and improve lands. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Priscilla Freeman.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, the petition of the Allen Street Congregational Society, for a change of name. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Allen Street Congregational Society.

By Mr. Tyler of North Brookfield, the petition of John Culvert and 15 others, for alteration of the law relative to game-birds. Referred to the committee on Agriculture. Game-birds.

By Mr. Orcutt of Cummington, the petition of David P. Powers and 32 others, tax-payers of Worthington, for more equal taxation on real estate. Equal taxation.

By Mr. Noble of Westfield, the petition of Simeon Mallory and 54 others, in aid of the petition of Samuel Horton and others, in relation to the exemption of mortgaged property from taxation. Taxation of mortgaged property.

By Mr. Brayton of Adams, the petition of the Adams National Bank in aid of the petition of the Townsend National Bank. Adams National Bank.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

By Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, the petition of Lewis S. Judd and others, for the annexation of Fairhaven to New Bedford. Annexation of Fairhaven to New Bedford.

By Mr. Sleeper of Malden, the petition of Geo. P. Cox and 141 others, for the annexation of Malden to Boston. Annexation of Malden to Boston.

By Mr. Hill of Lowell, the petition of Joseph Wilson and 58 others, citizens of Dracut, to annex part of Dracut to Lowell. Annexation of Dracut to Lowell.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Bishop of Newton, the petition of Wm. T. Hart, for the dissolution of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company. Wm. T. Hart.

By the same gentleman, the petition of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, for leave to increase its capital stock and issue bonds. Norwich and Worcester R. R.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

By Mr. Adams of Waltham, the petition of George C. Bonner and others, for an act of incorporation as "The New England Passenger Conductor's Life Insurance Company." Referred to the committee on Insurance. Geo. C. Bonner et als.

Superintendents
of schools.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, the petition of the school committee of the city of Cambridge, that section 35, chapter 38 of the General Statutes be amended.

Truants from
schools.

By the same gentleman, the petition of the school committee of Cambridge that chapter 262, acts of 1873, be amended.

Lowell city
charter.

By Mr. Richardson of Lowell, the petition of the mayor of Lowell for a revision of the city charter.

Newton city
charter.

By Mr. Robinson of Newton, the petition of the city of Newton for an amendment to its charter.

District court
for Northwest
Worcester.

By Mr. Rich of Royalston, the petition of Charles Field and others, for an act to establish a district court for Northwest Worcester.

Alimony.

By Mr. Hill of Lowell, the petition of Samuel B. Wyman and others, of Lowell, for legislation allowing alimony without divorce.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Norwich and
Worcester Rail-
road.

By Mr. Bishop of Newton, the petition of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, for application of the sinking fund provided for by chapter 134 of the acts of 1854. Referred to the committee on Finance.

Introduced on Leave.

Medford—water
bonds.

By Mr. Hayes of Medford, a bill to authorize the town of Medford to issue additional water fund bonds.

Orange Water
Power Com-
pany.

By Mr. Cheney of Orange, a bill to incorporate the Orange Water-Power Company.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Samuel
Knowles.

By Mr. Shortle of Provincetown, a bill to authorize Samuel Knowles to build a wharf in Provincetown. Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Land for rail-
roads.

By Mr. Robinson of Newton, a bill to amend section 19 of chapter 63 of the General Statutes, relating to the taking of lands by railroad companies. Referred to the committee on Railways.

These bills were severally read and sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

Savings banks.

On motion of Mr. Mason of Plymouth,—
Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of so amending the laws relating to savings banks, that more than one of the active officers of

a savings bank may be a member of the board of investment.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Labor Question be instructed to consider the expediency of prohibiting by statute the employment of children under fifteen years of age, as performers on the stage of theatres and other places of public amusement. Employment of children at public exhibitions.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of amending section 3 of chapter 40 of the General Statutes, so that the names of persons between the ages of five and fifteen years, as well as the number, shall be ascertained by the assessors and reported to the school committees of the various cities and towns. Returns of children's ages by assessors.

On motion of Mr. Lamb of Greenfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 298 of the acts of the year 1871, as to provide that towns may allow taxes assessed for making and repairing highways to be paid in labor and materials. Assessment of taxes for repairs of highways.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon,—

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider whether further legislation is necessary with regard to the inspection or sale of hogshead hoops. Sale of hogshead hoops.

On motion of Mr. Bishop of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 224 of the acts of 1870, concerning manufacturing and other corporations. Manufacturing and other corporations.

On motion of Mr. Dickinson of Amherst,—

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider the expediency of extending the time fixed by the 67th chapter of the acts of 1872, entitled an act to extend the time for organizing the Amherst Gas-Light Company. Amherst Gas-Light Co.

On motion of Mr. Boise of Blandford,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of further legislation to regulate and equalize the charges for transporting freight. Regulation of freight charges.

Annexation of
Nahant to Lynn.

On motion of Mr. Buffum of Lynn,—

Ordered, That the committee on Towns be instructed to inquire into the expediency of re-annexing the town of Nahant to the city of Lynn.

These orders were severally sent up for concurrence.

Power-of-sale
mortgages.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislating in regard to power-of-sale mortgages on real estate, so as to secure the following advantages :—

First. A short form of mortgage, so as to lessen the accumulation of records in the registry of deeds.

Second. A uniform method of procedure in sales under such mortgages; and

Third. To prevent fraud in sales under such mortgages.

Liability of
wives to trustee
process.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Ware,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 95, general laws of 1868, so as to make the earnings of the wife and minor children liable in trustee process when the action against defendant is for necessities furnished him or his family.

Establishment
of a new county.

On motion of Mr. Field of Leominster,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether proceedings in the courts of justice, and the convenience of the people in the towns of the northern part of Worcester County, and the western part of Middlesex County, may not be facilitated and promoted by the formation of a new county in that section of the State, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Investigation of
accounts of va-
rious officers.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Finance inquire whether the several clerks of the superior, district, municipal and police courts, the justices of the several district and police courts of which there are no clerks, the district attorneys and trial justices within the Commonwealth during the five years last past, have duly accounted for and paid over to the proper receiving officers, all fines, forfeitures, fees, moneys and costs received by them respectively, as provided by law. Such inquiries to include all such matters as are embraced in the General Statutes, chapter 14, section 27; chapter 116, sections 20 and 21; chapter 120, sections 57 and 258; chapter 121, section

22, and chapter 176, and in any other statutes not herein enumerated.

And that said committee report in full the results of the inquiries, and what legislation, if any, is necessary to secure a full, accurate and prompt accounting and paying over by said officers.

On motion of Mr. Mason of Plymouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on Matters of Probate and Chancery consider whether any legislation is necessary to provide for notice in cases of allowance to widows.

Allowance to widows.

On motion of Mr. Dickinson of Amherst,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery inquire into the expediency of requiring the probate court in and for the county of Hampshire, to be held at Amherst on the second Tuesday of every alternate month.

Hampshire Probate Court.

The Speaker announced that he had received a communication from the justices of the supreme judicial court, transmitting their opinion on the question, "Under the constitution of this Commonwealth, can a woman be a member of a school committee?" submitted to them by order of the House. The opinion is as follows:—

Women as school committees—opinion of the supreme judicial court.

The justices of the supreme judicial court respectfully submit the following answer to the question upon which their opinion was required by the order of the honorable House of Representatives, of the sixteenth day of the present month.

The question is stated in these words: "Under the constitution of this Commonwealth, can a woman be a member of a school committee?" The question is limited to the effect of the constitution upon the capacity of a woman to hold this office, and involves no interpretation of statutes.

If the constitution prevents a woman from being a member of a school committee, it must be by force of some express provision thereof, or else by necessary implication, arising either from the nature of the office itself, or from the law of Massachusetts as existing when the constitution was adopted, and in the light of which it must be read.

But the constitution contains nothing relating to school committees; the office is created and regulated by statute; and the constitution confers upon the general court full power and authority to name and settle annually or provide by fixed laws for naming and settling all civil officers

within the Commonwealth, the election and constitution of whom are not in the constitution otherwise provided for.

The common law of England, which was our law upon the subject, permitted a woman to fill any local office of an administrative character, the duties attached to which were such that a woman was competent to perform them.

The duties of a school committee relate exclusively to the education of children and youth in the town or city for which it is elected; they consist of the general charge and superintendence of the schools, including the employment of teachers, the selection of school-books, the regulation of the attendance of scholars and the preparation of school registers and returns; and they are in no respect of such a nature that they cannot be well and efficiently performed by woman. The necessary conclusion is that there is nothing in the constitution of the Commonwealth to prevent a woman from being a member of a school committee, and that the question proposed must be respectfully answered in the affirmative.

HORACE GRAY.

JOHN WELLS.

JAMES D. COLT.

SETH AMES.

MARCUS MORTON.

WM. C. ENDICOTT.

CHAS. DEVENS, JR.

BOSTON, February 20, 1874.

Papers from the Senate.

Eastern R. R.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the act, chapter 360 of the acts of 1873, authorizing the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track, and take lands in Charlestown for freight and other purposes.

Prison for women.

The petition of Edward C. Guild and 153 others, for a separate prison for female convicts, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Annexation of Tewksbury to Lowell.

The petition of Josiah G. Peabody and 150 others, owners and proprietors of the Lowell Cemetery, for the annexation of a part of Tewksbury to Lowell, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Flag station at Westfield.

The petitions

Of George Green and others, in aid of the petition of H. B. Smith and others, for a flag station in Westfield; and

Of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, for additional power to take land for stations and other purposes ; and

Of Geo. A. Dadman and others, and Henry S. Comey and others, in aid of the petition of Henry Blanchard and others, for a charter for the New England Transfer Company, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Fitchburg R. R.

N. E. Transfer Co.

The petition of the trustees of the Wesleyan Church in Duxbury, for a change of name, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Wesleyan Church in Duxbury.

The following order came down for concurrence :—

Ordered, That as Monday next is to be observed as a public holiday, that the 19th rule of the joint rules and orders of the Senate and House of Representatives, shall not go into operation till and including the 24th day of February current, and shall be suspended till that time.

Enforcement of the nineteenth joint rule.

The order was adopted in concurrence, with the following amendments: striking out the word "19th," and inserting "20th" instead; and striking out the words "and including the 24th," and inserting the words "the 25th,"—and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

Bills :

To authorize the Metropolitan Railroad Company to increase its capital stock and issue bonds ; and

Metropolitan Railroad Co.

To amend the act to incorporate the Warren Cotton Mills ;

Warren Cotton Mills.

Passed to be engrossed in the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Cole of Cheshire, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. A. F. Lane and others, for an act of incorporation as the Young Women's Home in the city of Lowell, reported leave to withdraw, the committee believing existing statutes sufficient for their organization.

Young Women's Home in Lowell.

Mr. Banister of Worcester, from the committee on Banks and Banking, reported inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to the expediency of prohibiting all savings banks in this Commonwealth from loaning money in any case at a greater rate of interest than seven and three-tenths per cent. per annum.

Loans by savings banks.

Savings bank
in Mansfield.

Mr. Tyler of Lowell, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of C. T. Borden and others, for a savings bank in Mansfield, reported leave to withdraw.

Cashiers of
national banks.

Mr. Phillips of Springfield, from the same committee, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to providing that no person who is cashier of a national bank shall at the same time hold the office of treasurer, or any similar office in a savings bank.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

First Parish in
Medford.

Mr. Howard of West Bridgewater, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of the First Parish of Medford, reported a bill to amend an act entitled an act to establish a ministerial fund for the support of the gospel ministry in the first parish in the town of Medford.

Trial of juvenile
offenders.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order on the subject, reported a bill relating to the jurisdiction of trial justices of juvenile offenders in Suffolk County.

Hunting of
rabbits.

Mr. Boise of Blandford, from the committee on Agriculture, on the petition of S. E. Bliss and others of North Brookfield, reported a bill to prohibit the hunting of rabbits or hares by the use of ferrets.

Union Street
Methodist
Church of
Springfield.

Mr. Smith of Rutland, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was referred the petition of said church, reported a bill to change the name of the Union Street Methodist Church of Springfield.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Concord—mon-
ument.

Mr. Mayhew of Charlemont, from the committee on Towns, reported that the bill to authorize the town of Concord to raise money for a monument and its dedication, ought to pass.

Clarissa Adams.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, reported that the resolve in favor of Clarissa Adams ought to pass.

Documents for
Medway.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve to furnish certain books to the town of Medway, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment.

Wm. H. Ham-
mond.

Mr. Loud of Winchendon, from the same committee, reported that the resolve in favor of William H. Hammond ought to pass.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the same committee, Clerk of Southern Berkshire district court. reported that the bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the district court of Southern Berkshire ought to pass.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported Clerk of Central Berkshire district court. that the bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the district court for Central Berkshire ought to pass.

Mr. Jenkins of Abington, from the same committee, Forgery. reported that the bill to amend chapter 162 of the General Statutes, ought to pass.

These bills and resolves were placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, granting Orders of the day. leave to withdraw, on the petition of the justice and clerk of the district court of East Norfolk, for an increase of salary, was accepted.

Bills :

To unite the American Education Society and the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education ;

To incorporate the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Beverly ;

Relating to embezzlements by receivers and other officers appointed by courts of record ; and

To increase the capital stock of the Nantucket and Cape Cod Steamboat Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the bill to incorporate the Frohsinn Singing Society of North Attleborough, was recommitted to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Bills :

To amend the charter of the Oread Institute ;

To establish the salary of the clerk of the police court of Fitchburg ;

Making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year 1873 and previous years, and for other purposes ; and

To incorporate the Masonic Building Association in New Bedford ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to change the name of the Cate National Horse-

shoe Company, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. Mason of Boston moved that the bill to incorporate the Boston Protective Department be recommitted to the committee on Insurance, but the motion was lost. Amendments to the bill, proposed by Messrs. Shaw and Kimball of Boston, and Robinson of Newton, were adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Sprague of Framingham renewed his motion, which was lost yesterday, to amend the bill to establish the first district court of Southern Middlesex, so that the salary of the justice of said court should be \$2,000, but the amendment was again rejected, and the bill was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolves :

In favor of Chester C. Conant ; and

In favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, the title to the resolve authorizing the Massachusetts Agricultural College to pay Ira Cook for injuries received while in the employ of said college, was amended by striking out all after the word "Cook," and inserting the words "money to" before "Ira."

On motion of the same gentleman, the title to the resolve in favor of Ephraim H. Sweetser, was amended, so as to read "Benjamin F." instead of "Ephraim H."

These resolves, as amended, were then passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, the bill to amend "an act for the abatement of a nuisance in the city of Cambridge, and for the preservation of the public health in said city," was taken from the table, an amendment offered by him was adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Subsequently, the vote whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, and the amendment previously adopted was also reconsidered, and another amendment was substituted therefor, on motion of Mr. Codman. The bill was then again passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Engrossed bills :

In relation to treasurers and collectors of taxes in cities ; Bills passed.
and

To establish the name and fix the capital stock of the
Bridgewater Iron Manufacturing Company ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the
Senate.

Mr. Adams of Quincy moved to adjourn. Mr. Boise of Blandford moved to amend the motion so that when the House adjourn it be to meet on Tuesday next at 2 o'clock, P. M. This motion was ruled out of order, the motion to adjourn not being amendable. Mr. Adams's motion was declared lost. Mr. Murray of Pittsfield called for the yeas and nays. They were ordered, the roll was called, and the motion to adjourn was negatived by a vote of 57 nays to 51 yeas.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. John Q. Adams,
Emory Banister,
Patrick Barry,
John Bigelow,
Stephen F. Blaney,
William E. Blunt,
Reuben Boynton,
William B. Brown,
Stillman Butterworth,
James H. Carleton,
Albe C. Clark,
Charles R. Codman,
Patrick Collins,
Austin H. Connell,
L. J. Cole,
Henry J. Couch,
George G. Crocker,
Curtis Davis,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
George O. Fairbanks,
John H. Fisher,
Joseph E. Fiske,
Ziba Gay,
Solomon E. Hallett,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Geo. Hodges,

Messrs. Andrew Howes,
James D. Hurlbut,
Edward J. Jones,
Moses Kimball,
George P. Kingsley,
Charles A. Loud,
Edward P. Loring,
Horatio A. Lucas,
Albert Mason,
William H. Murray,
W. Stanley Newhall,
Richard Olney,
Albert Palmer,
William E. Perkins,
Willard P. Phillips,
Charles L. Pratt,
John W. Rice,
Philip H. Robinson,
George A. Shaw,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Sumner Southworth,
Warren Tyler,
James B. Williams,
Henry W. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
 Andrew Athy,
 John H. Bell,
 Robert R. Bishop,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 Enos W. Boise,
 Dennis Bonner,
 Richard Britton,
 James N. Buffum,
 Aaron O. Buxton,
 J. W. Coveney,
 John A. Cummings,
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
 Thomas S. Cushman,
 Timothy J. Dacey,
 Henry C. Davis,
 I. W. Derby,
 Jarvis N. Dunham,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 John B. Fairbanks,
 William Frost,
 George S. Gates,
 Asahel Gates
 John J. Giles,
 Samuel S. Ginnodo,
 Samuel S. Gleason,
 Charles Hale,
 Horace Haskins,
 John F. Haskins,

Messrs. Benj. Heath,
 Joseph W. Hill,
 Francis M. Hughes,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Charles H. Killam,
 Lewis Lombard,
 David Mayhew,
 Edward McCleave,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 Porter Nutting,
 Charles S. Osgood,
 Richard Pope,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 Lawrence Reade,
 Charles Robinson, Jr.
 Cyrus Savage,
 E. H. Seymour,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 Henry Shortle,
 Isaac Stebbins,
 John H. Studley,
 Daniel J. Sweeney,
 George W. Taft,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Michael F. Wells,
 Moses Williams, Jr.,
 George C. Wright.

Yeas, 51 ; Nays, 57.

Mr. Reade of Milford then moved that when the House adjourn it be to Tuesday next. Upon a division of the House a quorum did not vote. On motion of Mr. Jones of Boston, the House then
 Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 21, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Annexation of
 Cambridge to
 Boston.

By Mr. Smith of Cambridge, the petition of E. H. Dwyer and 38 others, in favor of the annexation of Cambridge to Boston.

By Mr. Bishop of Newton, the petition of Josiah Gilmore and others, inhabitants and owners of real estate in that part of Boston formerly Brighton, for a change of boundary line between Boston and Newton. Boston and Newton boundary line.

By Mr. Noyes of North Bridgewater, the petition of Geo. H. Gurney and 102 others, in aid of the petition of the selectmen of North Bridgewater, for change of name of said town. North Bridgewater—change of name.

By Mr. Gay of Chelmsford, the remonstrance of A. W. Mears and 28 others, citizens of Tewksbury, against the annexation of any part of that town to Lowell. Annexation of Tewksbury to Lowell.

By Mr. Low of Essex, the petition of the selectmen of Essex, to discontinue the town landing place, and sell or lease the same. Essex—town landing place.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, the petition of Abiel Russ, John S. Bennett and 26 others, for the annexation of a portion of the town of Methuen to the city of Lawrence. Annexation of Methuen to Lawrence.

By Mr. Porter of Beverly, the petition of the selectmen of Beverly, for authority for that town to fund its debt and issue bonds. Beverly—issue of bonds.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Morton of Boston, the petition of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company, to establish a ferry between Boston and East Boston. Referred to the committee on Harbors. Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, the petition of Horatio Smith and others, of Lawrence, for a law to authorize cities and towns to insure buildings and personal property within their limits. Referred to the committee on Insurance. Insurance by cities and towns.

By Mr. Buxton of Boston, the petition of E. E. Bradshaw, that the Harvard Chapel Corporation may have authority to sell real estate and other property without restriction. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Harvard Chapel Corporation of Charlestown.

By Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the petition of the selectmen of Adams, that the state build a railroad bridge over South Adams Street, in North Adams. Referred to the committee on Railways. Railroad bridge at No. Adams.

By Mr. Smith of Cambridge, the petition of W. G. Carson and 30 others, in favor of just and equal taxation. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation. Just and equal taxation.

By Mr. Wilson of Boston, the petitions of David Snow and others, and of the selectmen of Andover; by Mr. Jones of Boston, the petitions of A. Hamilton & Co. and Slaughter-houses.

others, and of Geo. H. Valpy and others; by Mr. Blood of Lowell, the petition of Otis Allen and 55 others of Lowell; and by Mr. Gleason of Watertown, the petition of D. Harwood & Co. and 45 others,—all for such modifications of chapter 167, acts of 1871, as will secure to parties prosecuted under said statute the right of trial by jury.

Public park at
Somerville.

By Mr. Robinson of Newton, the petition of Samuel A. Carlton and others, that the city of Somerville be authorized to establish a public park.

Holyoke—issue
of bonds.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, the petition of the mayor of Holyoke, for authority to issue bonds to fund the city debt.

Beverly Gas
Light Co.

By Mr. Porter of Beverly, the petition of the Beverly Gas Light Company, for authority to issue bonds for enlargement of its works.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

A. C. Martin.

By Mr. Perkins of Boston, the petition of A. C. Martin, for compensation for services performed under authority of chapter 39 of the resolves of 1872. Referred to the committee on Claims.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

New county in
Northern
Worcester Co.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of T. R. Ware and others, citizens of Fitchburg, for a new county in northern Worcester and Middlesex counties. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Usury laws.

Mr. Carleton of Haverhill presented the petition of Peter T. Homer, George M. Brown, Henry Willis and others, in relation to the usury laws; which was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston.

Introduced on Leave.

Wachusett Land
Co.

By Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg, a bill to incorporate the Wachusett Land Company. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

New Bedford
Railroad Co.

By the same gentleman, a bill to authorize the New Bedford Railroad Company to lease its road. Referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy,—

Organization of
musical corpo-
rations.

Ordered, That the committee upon Just and Equal Taxation consider whether it is expedient that corporations for

musical purposes, organized under General Statutes, chapter 32, and statutes of 1873, chapter 176, shall hold property exempt from taxation.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs Immigrants. inquire into the expediency of providing by legislation means for affording information to immigrants to this country of the advantages Massachusetts offers to their landing within her borders.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Olney of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by legislation for law terms of the superior court in the several counties of the Commonwealth. Law terms of the superior court.

On motion of Mr. Fiske of Needham, the opinion of the justices of the supreme judicial court upon the question, "Under the constitution of this Commonwealth, can a woman be a member of a school committee?" was taken from the table and referred to the committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to consider the expediency of reporting a bill declaring women eligible as members of school committees. Women as school committees—opinion of S. J. court.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill concerning the election of state directors of railroads, which had passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. State directors of railroads.

The petition of the mayor of Boston, for the passage of an act authorizing the city of Boston to straighten and deepen the channel of Stony Brook, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Boston—Stony Brook.

The petition of Charles J. Prescott and others, that the action of the city council of Boston and the school committee, pertaining to the Normal School in said city, may be legalized, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education. Boston—Normal School.

The petition of the city of Boston, for the passage of an act requiring plumbers doing business in the city of Boston to obtain a license; and the Boston plumbers.

Petition of the mayor of Boston, for the passage of an act amending the laws in relation to the sealing of weights Sealers of weights and measures.

and measures, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Annexation of
Fairhaven to
New Bedford.

The remonstrances of Isaac Ferry and 52 others of Fairhaven, and of J. A. T. Eddy and 16 others, against the petition of Thomas Nye, Jr., and others, for the annexation of Fairhaven to New Bedford, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Atlas Insurance
Guarantee Co.

The petition of L. S. Jordan and others, for an act of incorporation under the name of the Atlas Insurance Guarantee Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance.

Citizens Gas-
Light Co. of
Boston.

A bill to incorporate the Citizens' Gas-Light Company of Boston, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Manufactures.

Prison for
women.

The petition of John C. Park and 166 others of Boston, for a separate prison for female convicts, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Fitchburg
Street Railroad.

The petition of John B. Proctor and others, for extension of time for building the Fitchburg Street Railroad, in Fitchburg; and the

Boston & West
Roxbury R. R.

Petition of the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company, for authority to change the westerly terminus, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

Dog-tax.

The petition of George Stevens and others of Lowell, in aid of the petition of Samuel E. Sewall and others, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture.

State Reform
School.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions be instructed to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary to enable the trustees of the State Reform School at Westborough, to provide for the more secure detention of the larger boys in said institution, and to teach useful trades therein.

Also, what legislation, if any, is necessary for the better government of the juvenile wards of the Commonwealth; and report by bill or otherwise.

The following petitions were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways:—

Springfield and
Longmeadow
R. R.

Petition of Geo. E. Howard and others of Springfield, concerning the construction of the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad.

Eastern and
Boston & Alba-
ny Railroads.

Petition of the mayor of Boston, for the passage of an act changing the location of the Eastern Railroad and of the Boston and Albany Railroad, in East Boston.

Petition of E. Crane and others, to be incorporated as the Boston and Albany Railway Trust Company. Boston & Albany Railway Trust Co.

Orders of the Day.

The bill concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company was read, and, on motion of Mr. Palmer of Boston, laid on the table. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking that it is inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to providing that no person who is cashier of a national bank shall at the same time hold the office of treasurer, or any similar office in a savings bank, was considered. Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, moved that the report be postponed until Tuesday, but the motion was lost. Mr. Blaney of Peabody moved to amend the report by substituting a bill therefor, entitled "An act to prevent the cashier of a national bank holding the office of treasurer, or any similar office in a savings bank." The report and proposed substitute were discussed, and on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the report was recommitted to the committee on Banks and Banking.

The report of the same committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of prohibiting all savings banks in this Commonwealth from loaning money, in any case, at a greater rate of interest than seven and three-tenths per cent. per annum, was also debated. Mr. Phillips of Salem, moved that the report be recommitted, but the motion was lost, and the report was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the same committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of C. T. Borden and others, for a savings bank in Mansfield, was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Mrs. A. F. Lane and others, for an act of incorporation as the Young Women's Home, in the city of Lowell, was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend an act entitled an act to establish a ministerial fund for the support of the gospel ministry in the first parish in the town of Medford.

To fix the salary of the clerk of the district court for Central Berkshire ;

To amend chapter 162 of the General Statutes ;

To authorize the town of Concord to raise money for a monument and its dedication ;

To prohibit the hunting of rabbits or hares by the use of ferrets ;

To change the name of the Union Street Methodist Church of Springfield ; and

To amend the act to incorporate the Warren Cotton Mills ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill relating to the jurisdiction of trial justices of juvenile offenders in Suffolk County, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg.

The bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the district court of Southern Berkshire, was read and amended, on motion of Mr. Wright of Great Barrington, so that the salary of the clerk should be \$600 instead of \$500.

These bills, as amended, were severally ordered to a third reading.

Resolves :

In favor of Clarissa Adams ;

In favor of William H. Hammond ; and

To furnish certain books to the town of Medway (amended as proposed by the committee on Finance) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To incorporate the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Beverly ; and

Relating to embezzlements by receivers and other officers appointed by courts of record ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to increase the capital stock of the Nantucket and Cape Cod Steamboat Company, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to authorize the Metropolitan Railroad Company to increase its capital stock and issue bonds, was read, and pending its consideration, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the orders of the day were laid upon the table.

Mr. Granger of Boston asked leave to introduce a bill concerning the inspection of steam-boilers, and the qualifications of persons having charge of them. Pending the

reading of this bill, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,
the House, at 2.30, P. M.,
Adjourned to Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, February 24, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Lincoln of Boston, the petition of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics' Association for the erection of a building in the city of Boston for an exhibition of the mechanic arts. Referred to the committee on Insurance. Exhibition of mechanic arts.

By Mr. Smalley of Harwich, the petition of T. B. Baker and 25 others; and by Mr. Stearns of Stoughton, the petition of R. P. Ross and 94 others,—for just and equal taxation. Just and equal taxation.

By Mr. Pratt of Mansfield, the petition of S. C. Lovell and 24 others of Mansfield, for the enactment of a law by which the holder of real estate may deduct, for the purpose of taxation, the amount for which his real property is mortgaged. Taxation of mortgaged property.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

By Mr. Lewis of Walpole, the petition of the East Walpole Branch Railroad Company, for an amendment of its charter. East Walpole Branch R. R.

By Mr. Loud of Winchendon, the petition of the directors of the Monadnock Railroad, for authority to lease its road. Monadnock Railroad.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of Thomas C. Caldwell and 164 others, citizens of Fitchburg, for the repeal of section 2, chapter 127, acts of 1869, relating to a union depot in Fitchburg. Union depot at Fitchburg.

By Mr. Orcutt of Hardwick, the petition of Nelson Amsden and 57 others of Hardwick, in favor of the Massachusetts Central Railroad crossing the Ware River Railroad at grade in Hardwick. Mass. Central R. R.—crossing at Hardwick.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petition of John C. Moulton and others, for additional legislation in reference to the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad Company. Nashua, Acton & Boston R. R.

Grades of the
Massachusetts
& Lancaster
railroads.

By Mr. Nutting of Northampton, the petition of the selectmen of Hudson, for lowering the grades of the Massachusetts and Lancaster railroads, at crossings in said town.

New York &
New England
R. R. Co.

By Mr. Bishop of Newton, the petition of Wm. T. Hart, president of the New York and New England Railroad Company, for extension of time for the taking of certain land.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

Harvey Scudder
et al.

By Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, the petition of Harvey Scudder and others, for leave to construct a wharf in Barnstable.

Boston—South
Bay.

By Mr. Perkins of Boston, the petition of H. W. Wilson and others, for such legislation as will enable abutters on South Bay to improve their property, and enable the city of Boston to lay out streets thereon.

Boston—boat-
house at Dover
Street Bridge.

By Mr. T. F. Fitz Gerald of Boston, the petition of Richard Murphy and others, for leave to erect a boat-house at the Dover Street Bridge.

New bridge
from Boston to
Cambridge.

By Mr. Shaw of Boston, the petitions of John Chandler and 71 others, citizens of Boston, and of John Wilson and 107 others, for a bridge from Boston to Cambridge.

George H.
Dickerman.

By Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, the petition of George H. Dickerman, of Somerville, to construct a wharf in Matapoisett.

Severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

Seining in
Acushnet River.

By Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, the petition of Geo. B. Richmond, Andrew G. Pierce, Geo. H. Dunbar and 345 others, in relation to seining in the Acushnet River.

Falmouth—eel
fishery.

By Mr. Robinson of Falmouth, the remonstrance of Roland G. Davis and 65 others of Falmouth, against the petition of Abisha Phinney and others.

Royal Phinney
et al.

By Mr. Cheney of Orange, the petition of Royal Phinney and 62 others, for the protection of fish in North Pond in Orange.

Mashpee—
catching of eels.

By Mr. Robinson of Falmouth, the petition of Silas P. Pells and others of Mashpee, to prevent the catching of eels in any waters of said town.

Severally referred to the committee on Fisheries.

Annexation of
Cambridge to
Boston.

By Mr. Davis of Cambridge, the petition of William Frost and 37 others; and by Mr. Smith of Cambridge, the petition of William Crosby and 47 others, legal voters of Cambridge, for the annexation of Cambridge to Boston.

By Mr. Lewis of Walpole, the petition of F. W. Bird and others, for a change in the boundary line between Walpole and Sharon. Walpole and Sharon boundary line.

By Mr. Gay of Chelmsford, the remonstrance of Thomas J. Marsh and 79 others, against the annexation of any part of Tewksbury to Lowell. Annexation of Tewksbury to Lowell.

By Mr. Parker of Methuen, the petition of Varnum Corliss and 36 others of Methuen, for the annexation of Methuen to Lawrence. Annexation of Methuen to Lawrence.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, the petitions of Wm. Aspinwall, for a law enabling towns to establish public baths and wash-houses; and also for a law to enable towns to appear by counsel before the General Court. Public baths and wash-houses. Counsel for towns before the General Court.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Perkins of Boston, the petition of G. Winthrop Coffin and others, that authority may be given to town and city governments to prohibit the use of steam-whistles. Steam-whistles.
Referred to the committee on Manufactures.

By Mr. Billings of Sharon, the petition of the selectmen of Sharon and other citizens, for authority to remove remains from a certain burial-ground in said town. Sharon—burial-ground.

By Mr. Haskins of Somerville, the remonstrances of Jacob T. Glines and 91 others; and of Geo. F. Sturtevant and 157 others, against any alteration of chapter 167, acts of 1871, whereby the powers of the State Board of Health may be abridged. State Board of Health.

By Mr. Banister of Worcester, the petition of Henry Chapin and others, to be incorporated as the Old Men's Home of Worcester. Old Men's Home of Worcester.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, the remonstrance of the Salem Board of Trade against the petition of Joseph Perkins and others. Pilotage at Salem and Beverly.

By Mr. Stebbins of Chelsea, the petition of C. Lovell and others, for a modification of the pilot laws. Pilot laws.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

By Mr. Eldridge of Conway, the remonstrance of E. H. Lyman and 77 others, citizens of South Deerfield; and by Mr. Jones of Deerfield, the petition of Mrs. Mary B. Richardson and 86 mothers and daughters of South Deerfield, against the amendment to the constitution authorizing female suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Crocker of Boston, the petition of C. H. Spring C. H. Spring—state history.

and others of Boston, relative to a state history. Referred to the committee on the Library.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, the petition of the trustees of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital, for leave to sell the aqueduct supplying the hospital.

Marlborough—Dollar Mutual Aid Society.

By Mr. Curtis of Marlborough, the petition of the Dollar Mutual Aid Society of Marlborough, for incorporation.

House of the Angel Guardian.

By Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, the petition of the trustees of the House of the Angel Guardian, for leave to hold additional property.

Salem Hospital.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, the petition of the Salem Hospital, for authority to hold real and personal estate in excess of the amount allowed by statute.

Severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Wm. Cunningham.

By Mr. Wilson of Boston, the petition of Maria Cunningham, in behalf of William Cunningham, a minor, for injuries received while in the employ of the Commonwealth.

Adelaine T. White.

By Mr. Hayes of Medford, the petition of Adelaine T. White, for state aid.

Catherine Waterman.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, the petition of Catharine Waterman of Williamstown, administratrix, for the payment by the State of a judgment obtained against the Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mystic River Corporation.

A communication was received from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting the annual report of the commissioner of the Mystic River Corporation, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Adjutant-General's report.

The annual report of the Adjutant-General was also transmitted, and on motion of Mr. Tyler of North Brookfield, it was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed. Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the report was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Military Affairs, and sent up for concurrence.

Commercial fertilizers.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, concerning the act relative to commercial fertilizers, and referred to the committee on Agriculture; also a special report of the Insurance Commissioner, which was referred to the committee on Insurance. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Insurance Commissioner's Report.

By Mr. Reade of Milford, the petition of Geo. W. Stacy and 218 others, for the holding of stated terms of the supreme and superior courts in Milford. Supreme and superior courts in Milford.

By Mr. Carrier of Newburyport, the petition of Jas. Noyes and others, residents of school district No. 2, Newburyport, that said district be authorized to raise money for certain purposes. Newburyport—school district No. 2.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of H. A. Goodrich and 140 other citizens of Fitchburg, for a new county. New county in Worcester.

By Mr. Carr of Ashby, the petition of F. W. Wright and 63 other legal voters of Ashby, for the annexation of that town to Worcester County. Annexation of Ashby to Worcester Co.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the petition of Jas. F. Davenport and 40 others, citizens of Fall River, asking for authority to secure to the county of Bristol copies of certain records of the town of Tiverton, R. I. Jas. F. Davenport.

By the same gentleman, the petition of the mayor of the city of Fall River, asking for the passage of an act amending the charter of said city. Fall River—city charter.

By Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, the petition of Isaac F. Sawtelle of New Bedford and 11 others, to make the 12th of February, being the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, a legal holiday. Birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

By Mr. Sanger of Danvers, the petition of Geo. H. Vibert and others of Somerville, for the passage of a law against night-walkers. Night-walkers.

By Mr. Robinson of Newton, the petition of Theodore C. Hurd, to fix the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of Middlesex. Theodore C. Hurd.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Estabrook of Worcester, a bill to provide for the appointment of an assistant-clerk of the Central District Court of Worcester. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Central District Court of Worcester.

By Mr. Robinson of Falmouth, a bill to amend an act to enable the First Congregational Society in the town of Falmouth to dispose of certain real estate. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, and sent up for concurrence. First Congregational Society in Falmouth.

Orders.

Mr. Derby of Boston offered the following order, which was laid over until to-morrow, at the request of Mr. Osgood of Salem :—

Army register
and battle-flags.

Ordered, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to forward to our senators and representatives in Congress, copies of the resolution passed by the present legislature, rescinding and annulling the resolution passed by the legislature of 1872, concerning the army register and national battle-flags.

Mr. Noble of Westfield offered the following order, which was laid over until to-morrow, at the request of Mr. Shaw of Boston :—

State directors
for Boston &
Albany R. R.

Ordered, That Wednesday, April 1st, at 2½ o'clock, P. M., be assigned as the time for the choice of two directors for the Boston and Albany Railroad.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston,—

Issue of policies
by mutual in-
surance com-
panies.

Ordered, That the joint standing committee on Insurance consider whether further legislation is necessary relating to mutual fire insurance companies, in cases where different companies issue policies upon the same property.

On motion of Mr. Buxton of Boston,—

Contracts for
prison labor.

Ordered, That the joint committee on Prisons consider the expediency of enacting a law, providing that contractors of prison-labor may have a legal right to make such agreements with prisoners employed by them, relative to extra or over work, as they may deem expedient; and that such agreement shall be legal and binding to all intent and purpose, as agreements of a like nature between the employer and employed outside of prisons.

On motion of Mr. Hodges of Oxford,—

Clearing of
brush from
highways.

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of further legislation relative to the clearing of wood and brush from the highways.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston,—

Trustees of
churches.

Ordered, That the joint standing committee on Parishes and Religious Societies consider and report upon the expediency of allowing churches to elect a board of trustees to hold their property.

On motion of Mr. Bishop of Newton,—

Grade crossings
by railways.

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the

expediency of amending section 58 of chapter 63 of the General Statutes, relating to grade crossings by railways.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on Railways consider the expediency of amending section 28, chapter 63 of the General Statutes, so as to provide that applications for damages, by reason of obstructing private ways, may be made within three years from the time of obstruction.

Application for damages to private ways.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider and report such legislation, if any, as it may deem necessary, so as to provide by law that existing railroad corporations may locate, construct and maintain branches and extensions.

Construction of branches by railroad corporations.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Mason of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by law for allowing persons or parties to loan money to any person or party carrying on business and receiving a portion of the net profits of such business as compensation for the use of such money in place of interest.

Profits of business for interest on money loaned.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so enlarging the jurisdiction of the police court of Haverhill, as to include within its limit the towns of Boxford, Georgetown and West Newbury.

Jurisdiction of Haverhill police court.

On motion of Mr. Estabrook of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 443 of the acts of 1869, by extending the time during which any inhabitant of a city or town liable to pay a poll tax, who has been omitted in the annual assessment on the first day of May, may be assessed.

Poll taxes.

On motion of Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of repealing the 20th amendment to the Constitution, which provides that no person shall vote who cannot read the Constitution in the English language and write his name.

Reading and writing clause of the constitution.

On motion of Mr. Estabrook of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 206 of the acts of

Qualification of electors.

1867, being an act in addition to an act concerning the qualifications of electors.

On motion of Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury,—

Dukes County
special commis-
sioners.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider whether any legislation is necessary in relation to special commissioners in Dukes County.

On motion of Mr. Bassett of Easthampton,—

District court of
Central Hamp-
shire.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of establishing the district court of Central Hampshire, comprising the towns of Northampton, Southampton, Easthampton, Westhampton, Goshen, Williamsburg, Hatfield, Hadley, South Hadley and Huntington, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton,—

Police court for
Newton.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of establishing a police court in the city of Newton.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield,—

Alteration of
town ways, &c.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 262 of the laws of 1872, relative to the apportionment of expense resulting from the alteration of highways and townways, to avoid crossing railroad tracks at grade; and to determine if there are any constitutional objections in levying and collecting town or county taxes in certain cases, to defray expenses in making such alteration.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

State and muni-
cipal insurance.

Ordered, That the committee on Printing be requested to procure five hundred extra copies of the report of the Insurance Commissioner, relative to state and municipal insurance.

On motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford,—

Wills.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of so amending chapter 164 of the acts of 1861, that in any and all cases when the widow waives the provisions made for her in the will of her deceased husband, as provided in said act, such waiver by her shall not in any case operate to reduce, curtail or abridge the portion or income as provided in the will for the child or children of the said deceased testate, by any previous marriage or marriages.

Paper from the Senate.

A bill to incorporate the town of Rockland, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Gates of Groton, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Martindale, reported a resolve in her favor.

Elizabeth
Martindale.

Mr. Carleton of Haverhill, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the petition of the trustees for state aid, reported a resolve in favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-minded Youth.

Mass. School for
Idiotic Youth.

These resolves were severally referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of amending section 3, chapter 286 of the acts of 1870, so as to exempt from its requirements, as to verifying the compass, such surveyors as do not use the compass in their surveys. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Use of compass
by surveyors.

Mr. Cummings of Woburn, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of the Boston Mortgage Company, reported a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company.

Boston Mort-
gage Company.

Mr. Cushman of Raynham, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of Ira C. Cleveland and others, reported a bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Episcopal Church in Dedham.

Episcopal
Church in
Dedham.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Leave was granted Mr. Granger of Boston, to introduce a bill concerning the inspection of steam-boilers, and the qualifications of persons having charge of them, which was presented by him Saturday and partially read. The same was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Orders of the
day.

On motion of Mr. Palmer of Boston, the bill to authorize the Metropolitan Railroad Company to increase its capital stock and issue bonds, was amended by striking

out the fourth section, and it was then ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning the election of state directors of railroads was rejected. Subsequently, Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield moved a reconsideration of the vote, and on motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy, the rule was suspended and the motion was considered and negatived.

Bills :

To amend an act entitled an act to establish a ministerial fund for the support of the gospel ministry in the first parish of Medford ;

Relating to the jurisdiction of trial justices of juvenile offenders in Suffolk County (amended) ;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the district court of Southern Berkshire (amended) ;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the district court for Central Berkshire ;

To amend chapter 162 of the General Statutes (amended in title by committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

To authorize the town of Concord to raise money for a monument and its dedication ;

To change the name of the Union Street Methodist Church of Springfield ; and

To prohibit the hunting of rabbits or hares by the use of ferrets (amended on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to amend the act to incorporate the Warren Cotton Mills, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolves :

In favor of Clarissa Adams ;

To furnish certain books to the town of Medway (amended) ; and

In favor of William H. Hammond ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned at 3.20.

WEDNESDAY, February 25, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Ide, Chaplain of the Senate.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Fiske of Needham, the petition of A. B. Vorse and 80 others of Grantville, for woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Johnson of Lowell, the petition of Geo. F. Whitney of Lowell and others, for such modifications of chapter 167, acts of 1871, as will secure the right of trial by jury. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Slaughter-houses.

By Mr. Southworth of Williamstown, the petition of Joseph White and others, for a change in the laws relative to taxing bank shares. Taxation of bank shares.

By Mr. Stearns of Stoughton, the petition of Washington Tower and 32 others; by Mr. Buffum of Lynn, the petitions of H. N. Hovey and 83 others of East Cambridge; of David B. Moray of Malden and 69 others; of Julius Joslyn of Hanson and 52 others, and of D. M. White of Taunton and 39 others,—all for just and equal taxation. Just and equal taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

By Mr. Sanger of Danvers, the remonstrance of Reuben Williams and others, against the sale of the Old South Church. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Old South Society.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Goss of Melrose,—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons be requested to inquire into the expediency of providing for the better protection of witnesses in criminal cases. Protection of witnesses.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Just and Equal Taxation consider the expediency of providing for a state valuation of the property of the cities and towns of the Commonwealth in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five. State valuation of property for 1875.

Apportionment
of state and
county taxes.

On motion of Mr. Cole of Cheshire,—

Ordered, That the committee on Just and Equal Taxation inquire into the expediency of providing by law for a more equal apportionment of the state and county taxes upon the several cities and towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Superior court—
special terms.

On motion of Mr. Mason of Plymouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing for special terms of the superior court, or for summoning in grand juries in special emergencies.

Mrs. Jas. M.
Bunker.

On motion of Mr. McCleave of Nantucket,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery inquire into the propriety of paying to the widow of James M. Bunker, late judge of probate and insolvency for the county of Nantucket, now deceased, the amount of salary that would have been paid to said judge had he lived through the year 1873.

Papers from the Senate.

Annual meet-
ings of railroad
corporations.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of modifying the provisions of chapter 106 of the acts of the year 1868, relating to the place of holding the annual meetings of railroad corporations and of confirming acts heretofore done in contravention thereof.

Railroad fares.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways consider and ascertain whether the railroads in this Commonwealth, paying dividends of eight or ten per cent. per annum, a part or all of them, cannot carry passengers at a rate not to exceed two cents per mile.

Also, if a reduction in price would not increase the number of passengers in a short time, so that the receipts would be as large as at present.

Also, what proportion of the whole number of passengers yearly pass over the roads free.

Also, the reason, if any exists, of passing some persons free of charge and not others.

Boundary line
of Brookline,
&c.

The following petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Towns :—

Petition of James Greenough and others, that the boundary line between Brookline, Brighton and Boston may be changed.

Petition of James Hogan and others, for a change of the line dividing Ashland and Hopkinton. Ashland and Hopkinton boundary line.

Petition of the selectmen of the town of Lexington, for authority to raise money for the purpose of a centennial celebration of the battle of Lexington. Battle of Lexington.

The petition of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company, asking for the repayment of money expended by them in the erection of buildings, &c., on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. Vermont & Mass. R. R.

The petition of Chas. G. Davis, that a portion of the dog-fund may be paid to the Massachusetts Agricultural College, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture. Dog tax.

The petition of Chas. P. Brooks, to be paid for work on the State House, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims. Charles P. Brooks.

The petition of Mrs. M. M. Jordan and 37 others, female operatives in the employ of L. Pomeroy's Sons, manufacturers of woollen goods at Pittsfield, that they may be left to make their own terms of service, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Labor Question. Mrs. M. M. Jordan et als.

The petition of the water commissioners of the city of Springfield, for authority to raise money for a water supply for said city, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Springfield—water supply.

The petitions of A. B. Underwood and 230 others; of Messrs. McKenzie & Campbell and 96 others; of B. D. Whitcomb and 212 others; of D. Whittemore and 279 others; of Jonas Fitch and 75 others; of Nathaniel Cummings and 111 others, master mechanics of Boston,—all in aid of the petition of Nathaniel Adams and others, for incorporation of the Mechanics' Savings Bank in Boston. And also the petition of Daniel Simmons and others, for location of a saving bank at Blackstone, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking. Mechanics' Savings Bank of Boston.

The petition of Robert B. Caverly and others, for aid from the state, for the purpose of erecting a statue of Hannah Duston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Savings bank for Blackstone.

The remonstrance of Jonathan Brown and 471 others, against the petition of Geo. B. Richmond and others, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Fisheries.

Holyoke &
Belchertown
Railroad.

A bill to extend the time to locate and construct the Holyoke and Belchertown Railroad, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Reports of Committees.

John I. Monroe.

Mr. Judd of Lee, from the committee on Elections, to whom was referred the petition of John I. Monroe, contestant for the seat now occupied by John Cummings, for a recount of the votes in the 22d Middlesex District, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. The report was signed by Messrs. Judd, Billings of Hatfield, Hurlburt of Bolton, Merritt of Scituate and Seymour of Granville. A minority of the committee, consisting of Messrs. Bonner of Boston and Hollis of Braintree, presented their views in writing, recommending that the petition be recommitted to the committee, with instructions to recount the votes. The report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Prince Society.

Mr. Goss of Melrose, from the committee on the Library, on the petition of John Ward Dean and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Prince Society.

Robbing of
railroad cars.

Mr. Codman of Boston from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order on the subject, reported a bill concerning the breaking and entering of railroad cars.

Barnstable Co.
Mut. Fire Ins.
Company.

Mr. Rice of Barre, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of said company, reported a bill to extend the charter of the Barnstable County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and to authorize the same to hold real estate.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Robert S.
Rantoul.

Mr. Kimball of Boston from the committee on Finance, reported that the resolve in favor of Robert S. Rantoul ought to pass, and it was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Army register
and battle-flags.

The order requesting His Excellency the Governor to transmit copies of the resolution rescinding and annulling the resolution of 1872, concerning the army register and

battle-flags, to senators and representatives in Congress, offered yesterday by Mr. Derby of Boston and laid over, was considered. Mr. Fiske of Needham moved that it be indefinitely postponed. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Buxton of Boston, the previous question was ordered, and the order was adopted.

The order, also laid over, relative to the election of two directors for the Boston and Albany Railroad, was so amended, on motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield, as to read "three" directors instead of "two"; and as amended it was adopted.

State directors
of Boston &
Albany R. R.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

Concerning street railway corporations ; and

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad in the town of Winchendon ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of amending section 3, chapter 286 of the acts of 1870, so as to exempt from its requirements, as to verifying the compass, such surveyors as do not use the compass in their surveys, was accepted.

Orders of the
day.

The bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Episcopal Church in Dedham, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend an act to incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company, was read and discussed, amendments proposed by Mr. Bigelow of Boston were rejected, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill to unite the American Education Society and the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the town of Rockland was read and considered. Pending its consideration, on motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence, the House at 4.45

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 26, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Sprague of Framingham, the petitions of Mrs. A. H. Danforth and 28 mothers and daughters, and of F. C. Stearns and 15 other citizens of Saxonville; by Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, the petition of C. L. Cushman and 14 other citizens of Ludlow; and by Mr. Higginbottom of Holyoke, the petition of Mrs. C. L. Cushman and 23 mothers and daughters of Ludlow,—all against an amendment to the constitution authorizing female suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Harvard Chapel, Charlestown.

By Mr. Derby of Boston, the remonstrance of Henry Lyon and others, against the sale of Harvard Chapel in Charlestown. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

North Bridgewater.

By Mr. Howard of West Bridgewater, the remonstrance of Alpheus Gurney and others, against a change of the name of North Bridgewater to Brockton.

Do.

Also, the petition of Lyman Clark and others, for a change of the name of North Bridgewater to Allerton.

Annexation of Fairhaven to New Bedford.

By Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, the petition of Wm. H. Whitfield and others, in aid of the petition of Lewis S. Judd and others, for the annexation of the town of Fairhaven to the city of New Bedford.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Taxation of mortgaged property.

By Mr. Noble of Westfield, the petitions of Wm. G. Bates and 293 others of Westfield, and of B. G. Palmer and 75 others of Southwick, in aid of the petition of Samuel Horton and others, in reference to the taxation of mortgaged property.

Just and equal taxation.

By Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, the petition of W. W. Howe and 32 others of Ware; by Mr. Smith of Cambridge, the petition of J. C. Trowbridge and 82 others of Hudson; by Mr. Buffum of Lynn, the petition of M. H. Plunkett and 11 others of Amesbury; by Mr. Fisher of Franklin, the petition of E. F. Hartmann and 18 others of South Boston; and by Mr. Bailey of Georgetown, the petitions of Edward Prescott and 13 others of Westford,

and of Philo Temple and 38 others of Deerfield,—all for just and equal taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of D. L. Abercrombie and 152 others of Lunenburg; by Mr. Moore of Concord, the petition of R. Waldo Emerson and 94 others of Concord; and by Mr. Jones of Spencer, the petition of Samuel May and 182 others of Leicester,—all for a separate prison for female convicts.

Prison for women.

Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Couch of Lawrence, the petitions of Steele McDonald and others, and of Luther Ladd and others of Lawrence, for amendment of chapter 150 of the General Statutes, in reference to liens on buildings and land.

Liens of buildings and land.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, the petition of William Cogswell, mayor of Salem, for amendment of the city charter.

Salem—city charter.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, the petition of Joseph M. Day, judge of probate and insolvency for Barnstable County, for an increase of salary. Referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Judge of probate, etc., for Barnstable County.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of modifying the provisions of law regulating the drawing of jurors, being section 6, chapter 132 of the General Statutes, so that all the powers now exercised by the town and city officers of the Commonwealth may be transferred to the several courts.

Drawing of jurors.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad be authorized to visit the tunnel railroad and such connecting railroads as in their judgment it is important to examine for an understanding of the various subjects before them for consideration.

Committee on Hoosac Tunnel.

The following order, which had been adopted by the Senate, was not concurred in, the Speaker ruling that it was excluded by the 20th joint rule.

Cambridge—
erection of tide-
gates.

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply and Drainage be instructed to consider the expediency of amending chapter 153, statutes of 1865, so as to permit the city of Cambridge to erect tide-gates and diking, at some suitable points in and about Alewife Brook, for the exclusion of tide-water from Fresh, Spy and Little Ponds, and the meadows adjacent thereto.

Worcester—
fishing in its
ponds.

A bill to prohibit fishing in any of the ponds taken by the city of Worcester for a supply of water, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Fisheries.

Hours of labor.

The petition of Kate Tierney and 16 others, female operatives as weavers, praying that their hours of labor may not be limited by the legislature, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Labor Question.

Parker Street.

The petition of C. C. Esty, Rufus Estabrook and others, for improving Parker Street, belonging to the Commonwealth, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Lands.

Desertion of
crews of vessels.

The House bill to prevent the desertion of crews of vessels, came down with certain Senate amendments, which were referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Deposits in
savings banks.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending section 141 of chapter 57 of the General Statutes, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

Smelt fisheries.

In addition to acts in relation to smelt fisheries ;

Turner's Falls.

In addition to, and amendatory of, the several acts relating to the Turner's Falls Company ; and

Eastern Rail-
road.

In addition to an act to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take lands for freight purposes, in Charlestown, and for other purposes ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

Returns of
births, mar-
riages, etc.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 21 of the General Statutes and chapter 96, acts of 1865, relating to

the returning and recording of births, marriages and deaths, so that more perfect records may be kept.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of amending the laws concerning the election of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor.

Election of
selectmen,
assessors, etc.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the order relative to the expediency of amending the second article of the 6th chapter of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, so as to permit certain officials therein named to have seats in the Senate or House of Representatives, and another amendment, reported that it is inexpedient to so amend.

Amendment of
the constitution.

Mr. Noyes of North Bridgewater, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Henry R. Sibley and others, for an act of incorporation as the New England Homestead and Colonization Bureau, reported leave to withdraw.

New England
Homestead
Bureau.

Mr. Gay of Chelmsford, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, to whom was referred the petition of the city of Cambridge, relative to the closing of fishways and erection of tide-gates upon Alewife Brook, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Cambridge—
tide-gates on
Alewife Brook.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that the Senate bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Anglers' Association ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Mass. Anglers'
Association.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To extend the charter of the Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and to authorize the same to hold real estate ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To establish the First District Court of Southern Middlesex ; and

To change the name of the Cate National Horseshoe Company ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford, the bill concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company, was taken from

Middlesex Rail-
road.

the table and recommitted to the committee on Horse Railways.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The bill to incorporate the town of Rockland having been debated at length, Mr. Butterworth of Brookfield moved the previous question, which was ordered. Mr. Buxton of Boston called for the yeas and nays on the question of ordering the bill to a third reading, but the motion was lost, and the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 95 to 85.

Bills :

To incorporate the Prince Society ;

Concerning the breaking and entering of railroad cars ;

To extend the charter of the Barnstable County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and to authorize the same to hold real estate (amended on motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield), and a

Resolve in favor of Robert S. Rantoul ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Episcopal Church in Dedham, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the Metropolitan Railroad Company to increase its capital stock and issue bonds was considered. Mr. Hale of Boston moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Horse Railways. Mr. Knox of Lawrence moved that its further consideration be postponed until to-morrow. Pending the consideration of the bill, the House at 4.55

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 27, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain. •

Petitions Presented.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Howes of Reading, the remonstrance of J. H. Hanaford and 51 other citizens of Reading ; by Mr. Mason of Plymouth, the remonstrances of Mrs. E. S. Hill and 54 mothers and daughters of Reading, and of Mrs. Mary D. Johnson and 52 mothers and daughters ; by Mr. Tyler of North Brookfield, the remonstrance of Mrs. C. T. Stevens

and 43 mothers and daughters of E. Brookfield; by Mr. Boutwell of Andover, the remonstrance of F. H. Johnson and 52 citizens of Andover; and by Mr. Moore of Concord, the remonstrance of Mrs. Harriet C. Richardson and 32 mothers and daughters of Lincoln,—all against the amendment to the constitution authorizing female suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, the petitions of John M. Kinney and 38 others of Wareham, and of F. H. Henshaw and 129 others of Boston, for just and equal taxation; and by Mr. Butterworth of Brookfield, the petition of H. L. Butterworth and 49 others, in relation to taxation of mortgaged property.

Just and equal taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the petition of Nathan Durfee and others of Fall River, in aid of the petition of Samuel O. Dean and others, asking for a law requiring the use of broad-rimmed wheels for heavy-loaded teams on the roads of the State. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Broad-rimmed wheels on teams.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

The Eighth Annual Report of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, was received and referred to the committee on Harbors.

Harbor Commissioners' report.

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

Mr. Fiske of Needham offered the following order, which, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, was referred to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That hereafter, when an amendment to an act or resolve shall be adopted by this House, the act or resolve shall, before it is advanced another stage, be printed and placed in the files of the members.

Printing of amended bills, etc.

On motion of Mr. Savery of Wareham,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any further legislation is expedient in respect to the duties of firewards at fires in woodlands.

Duties of firewards.

Papers from the Senate.

The report of the committee on the Fisheries, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of

Priscilla Freeman.

Priscilla Freeman, for compensation for a certain portion of the fishing in Tisbury Great Pond, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Claims, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Boston and
Albany Rail-
road.

A bill to authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Weston and Needham, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mechanics'
Bank, Boston.

The petitions of J. R. Kendrick and 110 others, and of Bowker, Torrey & Co., in aid of the petition of Nathaniel Adams and others, for an act of incorporation as the Mechanics' Savings Bank, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

New England
Transfer Co.

The petition of John Hocking and others, in aid of the petition of Henry Blanchard and others, for a charter for the New England Transfer Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

Relating to district courts ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

To punish the wilful obstruction of fire-engines ;

To authorize the withdrawal of appeals in criminal cases ;

To amend chapter 133 of the General Statutes, concerning the exemption of personal property from taxation ; and

To change the times of holding the terms of the superior court in the county of Dukes County ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjournment.

Mr. Loud of Winchendon moved that when the House adjourn on Saturday, the 28th inst., it be to meet on Tuesday, March 3d, at 2 o'clock, P. M. The motion was carried. Subsequently, Mr. Sanger of Danvers moved to reconsider the vote, but the motion was lost.

Reports of Committees.

Julius Wittig et
als.

Mr. Bailey of Georgetown, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Julius Wittig and others of Clinton, to be incorporated under the

name of the Turn Society Frohsinn of Clinton, reported that no legislation is necessary.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of William Schroeder and others, for an act of incorporation as a musical society, reported that no legislation is necessary.

Wm. Schroeder
et als.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, on the order relative to the pledge of credit by railroad companies of this state to those of other states, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate.

Credit of rail-
roads.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that no further legislation is necessary on the annual report of the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth.

Attorney-Gen-
eral's report.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the bill (introduced on leave in the House) in regard to damages caused by laying out railways, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

Land damages
by railroads.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a Senate amendment to the House bill to prevent the desertion of crews of vessels, reported that the House should concur in said amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Desertion of
crews of vessels.

Mr. Howes of Dennis, from the committee on the Fisheries, to whom was referred the Senate bill in addition to an act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes, reported that it ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Cultivation of
useful fishes.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that the Senate bill to amend chapter 201, acts of 1872, to establish the second district court of Southern Worcester, ought to pass, and it was referred, in course, to the committee on Finance.

Second district
court of South-
ern Worcester.

Mr. Rich of Royalston, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of the selectmen of Lexington, reported a bill to authorize the town of Lexington to raise money for a centennial celebration.

Lexington—
centennial cele-
bration.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the annual report of the Attorney-General, reported a bill to promote the prompt

Administration
of estates.

and faithful administration of estates by public administrators.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

State and municipal insurance.

Mr. Morss of Newburyport, from the committee on Printing, to whom was referred the order relative to printing 500 extra copies of the report of the Insurance Commissioner relative to state and municipal insurance, reported that the same ought to pass. The report was accepted and the order adopted. On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the vote whereby the order was adopted was reconsidered, and, on his motion, the order was so amended as to provide that the 500 copies should be for the use of the Insurance Commissioner. On motion of Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, the order was further amended by providing that 500 additional copies be printed for the use of the members of the legislature. The order, as amended, was again adopted.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, that it is inexpedient to amend, on the order relative to the expediency of amending the second article of the 6th chapter of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, so as to permit certain officials therein named to have seats in the Senate or House of Representatives, and another amendment, was accepted.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of Henry R. Sibley and others, for an act of incorporation as the New England Homestead and Colonization Bureau, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending section 141 of chapter 57 of the General Statutes, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill in addition to, and amendatory of, the several acts relating to the Turner's Falls Company, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To incorporate the Prince Society ;

Concerning the breaking and entering of railroad cars ;

To extend the charter of the Barnstable County Mutual

Fire Insurance Company, and to authorize the same to hold real estate (amended) ; and

Resolve in favor of Robert S. Rantoul ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the Metropolitan Railroad Company to increase its capital stock and issue bonds, was further considered. Pending the motion to recommit it to the committee, Mr. Hale of Boston offered various amendments to the bill. On motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow, and the amendments ordered to be printed.

Mr. Keith of Abington moved to lay the orders of the day upon the table, which motion was carried. The same gentleman then moved that the bill to incorporate the town of Rockland be discharged from the orders and specially assigned and placed first in the orders of the day for consideration on Wednesday next. The bill was discharged from the orders ; a motion made by Mr. Knox of Lawrence, that it be now considered, was lost, and the motion to specially assign was carried.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the orders of the day were taken from the table.

The report of the committee on Elections, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of John I. Monroe, for a recount of the votes in the 22d Middlesex District, was debated at length. Mr. Bonner of Boston moved to amend the report by substituting the recommendation of a minority of the committee, "that the petition be recommit-
ted to the committee, with instructions to recount the votes." After considerable discussion, on motion of Mr. Clark of Boston, the previous question was ordered, and the recommendation of the minority was substituted, and the petition was recommit-
ted to the committee, with instructions to recount the votes.

At 5.20 the House
Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 28, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

State and municipal insurance.

By Mr. Parker of Methuen, the petition of John Brown and 54 others of Lawrence, in favor of state and municipal insurance. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

North Bridgewater.

By Mr. Howard of West Bridgewater, the petition of F. A. Thayer and 314 others, for a change of the name of North Bridgewater to Allerton. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Bridge for Malden River.

By Mr. Sleeper of Malden, the remonstrance of Columbus Corey and 134 other legal voters of Everett, against granting the petition of James R. Fillebrown and others, for bridging Malden River. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Taxation of mortgaged property.

By Mr. Hurlburt of Bolton, the petition S. W. Houghton and 41 others, asking that a law be enacted exempting holders of real estate from being taxed thereon to the amount of mortgages on the same. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Liens on buildings and land.

By Mr. Bell of Salem, the petition of J. B. Gifford and others; and by Mr. Osgood of Salem, the petition of Eleazer Austin and others of Salem, for an amendment of chapter 150 of the General Statutes, with respect to liens on buildings and land. Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Tewksbury almshouse.

A communication was received by the Speaker from the superintendent of the state almshouse at Tewksbury, asking for an additional appropriation for certain expenses. Referred to the committee on Finance.

County estimates.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, transmitting the estimates of the various counties for the current year, which were referred to the committee on County Estimates.

Liquor Commissioner's report.

A communication was also received from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting a copy of the Liquor Commissioner's Report for 1873, in compliance with a House order requesting a copy of the same. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

Mr. Sprague of Framingham offered the following order, which, at the request of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, was laid over until Tuesday :—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 40 of the acts of 1871, so that voting lists used in state elections shall be placed in the envelope with votes cast at said election. Voting lists at elections.

Mr. Williams of Brookline offered the following order, which was rejected, the Speaker ruling that it was excluded by the 20th joint rule :—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the second section of the 132d chapter of the General Statutes, so that members of the ancient and honorable artillery company may be made liable to serve as jurors. Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

On motion of Mr. Tyler of North Brookfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of passing a law prohibiting the transaction of town business at state or national elections. Transaction of town business at elections.

Papers from the Senate.

Resolves :

In favor of William E. Slade ; and Wm. E. Slade.

For the payment of a sewer assessment on the property of the state lunatic hospital in the city of Worcester, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred, in course, to the committee on Finance. Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

Bills :

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to hold stock in certain steamboat companies ; Old Colony Railroad Co.

To authorize the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation to hold stock in steamboat companies ; and Boston and Providence Railroad.

To regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments ; Hours of labor.

(Which had severally been passed to be engrossed by the Senate) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The report of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of the water commissioners of Spring- Springfield Water Commissioners.

field, for authority to borrow further sums of money than is now provided by law, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday.

Taxation of
mining shares,
etc.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Just and Equal Taxation inquire if any legislation is necessary relating to the taxation of shares owned in this state in mines and property located and taxed in other states.

The following order, adopted by the Senate, was non-concurred in, the Speaker ruling that it was excluded by the 20th joint rule:—

Falmouth—
Oyster Pond
River Co.

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries inquire whether any, and what further legislation is necessary, to enable chapter 324 of the acts of 1855 to accomplish the purposes for which it was passed.

State directors
of B. & A. R. R.
Co.

The order adopted by the House, February 24, providing for the choice of three directors for the Boston and Albany Railroad, came down with an amendment changing the time of election to Thursday, March 5, instead of April 1st. The House concurred in the amendment.

Reports of Committees.

Limited part-
nerships.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to amending section 4, chapter 320, acts of 1873, relative to limited partnerships, reported inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Constitution—
reading and
writing clause.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the order relative to repealing the 20th amendment to the Constitution, providing that no person shall vote who cannot read the Constitution in the English language and write his own name, reported inexpedient to rescind said amendment.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday.

Sidewalks.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was recommitting the bill concerning sidewalks, reported the same in a new draft.

Barre—centen-
nial celebration.

Mr. Hayes of Medford, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of the selectmen of Barre and others, reported a bill to authorize the town of Barre to raise and appropriate money for the celebration of its centennial anniversary.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motions made by Mr. Kimball of Boston, the following matters were taken from the table :

Report of committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to amending section 5 of chapter 376 of the acts of 1873, relating to the declaration of votes at elections. Declaration of votes at elections.

Resolve in favor of Sarah M. Tuttle. .

Sarah M. Tuttle.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday.

Annual report of the Deputy Tax Commissioner. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation. Tax Commissioner.

Petition of Peter T. Homer and others, that the usury laws may be considered by a large special committee ; also that said committee consider the expediency of a change of laws relative to mortgage deeds. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Usury laws.

Annual report of the commissioner on the Mystic River Corporation. Referred to the committee on Harbors. Mystic River Corporation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Treasurer and Receiver-General. Referred to the committee on Finance. Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To amend an act to incorporate the Warren Cotton Mills ;

To increase the capital stock of the Nantucket and Cape Cod Steamboat Company ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

To provide for the custody and examination of the opinions of the Supreme Judicial Court before their publication in the reports ;

To increase the salary of the clerks of the courts for Plymouth County ;

Making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year 1873 and previous years, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed resolve, concerning conveyances of Back Bay lands (which originated in the Senate), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Robbing of
railroad cars.

Mr. Robinson of Newton moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House on Friday passed to be engrossed the bill concerning the breaking and entering of railroad cars. The motion prevailed, and amendments proposed by the same gentleman to the bill were adopted, and the bill as amended was again passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The reports :

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, that no legislation is necessary on the petition of Julius Wittig and others of Clinton, to be incorporated under the name of the Turn Society Frohsinn of Clinton :

Of the same committee, that no legislation is necessary on the petition of William Schroeder and others, for an act of incorporation as a musical society ; and

Of the committee on Railways, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the pledge of credit by railroad companies of this state to those of other states ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, that no further legislation is necessary on the annual report of the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, was accepted.

Report of the same committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 21 of the General Statutes, and chapter 96, acts of 1865, relating to the returning and recording of births, marriages and deaths, so that more perfect records may be kept, was also accepted.

The report of the committee on the Fisheries, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of Priscilla Freeman, for compensation for a certain portion of the fishing in Tisbury Great Pond, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Claims, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To incorporate the Massachusetts Anglers' Association ;
In addition to an act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes ;

To authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company

to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Weston and Needham ;

To authorize the town of Lexington to raise money for a centennial celebration ; and

To promote the prompt and faithful administration of estates by public administrators ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

A resolve in favor of Robert S. Rantoul, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in addition to, and amendatory of, the several acts relating to the Turner's Falls Company, was read, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

To amend an act to incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company ; and

In regard to damages caused by laying out railways ;

Were severally rejected.

The bill to authorize the Metropolitan Railroad Company to increase its capital stock and issue bonds, was debated. Mr. Hale of Boston withdrew his motion to recommit the bill to the committee on Horse Railways. After further debate, Mr. Knox of Lawrence renewed the motion to recommit with instructions. Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston moved the previous question. Amendments proposed to the bill by Mr. Hale of Boston were rejected, and amendments proposed by Mr. Kimball of Boston were adopted. On motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, the title to the bill was amended by striking out the words "increase its capital stock and," and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of amending the laws concerning the election of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor, was considered. Mr. Clark of Wilbraham moved to amend the report, by substituting therefor a bill providing for the election of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor in towns. Mr. Britton of Wakefield moved that the bill be laid upon the table and printed. Pending the consideration of the report and bill, the House at 1.30

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 3, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*North Bridge-
water.

By Mr. Noyes of North Bridgewater, the petition of Isaac Kingman and 33 others, in aid of the petition of the selectmen of North Bridgewater, for a change of name of that town to Brockton. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Harvard
Chapel.

By Mr. Derby of Boston, the remonstrance of Jonathan Stone and 204 others, against the petition of E. E. Bradshaw and others, for leave to sell Harvard Chapel, in Charlestown. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Acushnet
River.

By Mr. Smith of Dartmouth, the remonstrance of John O. Slocum and 86 others, against the petition of George B. Richmond, relative to seining Acushnet River.

Edgartown
oyster fishery.

By Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the remonstrance of T. R. Holley and 149 others, against the petition of Jophanus H. Smith and others, for the oyster pond in Edgartown as a fishery.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Woman suf-
frage.

By Mr. Bailey of Georgetown, the remonstrances of Mrs. Harriet T. Park and 29 mothers and daughters, and of Calvin E. Park and 26 citizens of West Boxford; by Mr. Clark of Wilbraham, the remonstrances of Mrs. Chloe Mixter and 22 mothers and daughters, and of George Mixter and 22 citizens of Palmer; and by Mr. Smith of Dartmouth, the remonstrances of Mrs. E. Matthews and 56 mothers and daughters, and of H. M. Walker and 50 citizens of Dartmouth,—all against an amendment to the constitution authorizing female suffrage. Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Taxation of
mortgaged
property.

By Mr. Boise of Blandford, the petition of W. E. Boise and 41 others of Blandford, in aid of the petition of Samuel Horton and others, in reference to the taxation of mortgaged property. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Taxation of
bank shares.

By Mr. Cole of Cheshire, the petition of H. A. Burget and 89 others, relative to the taxation of bank shares. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Winslow of Worcester, the remonstrance of Nathan Paine, trustee under the will of Dr. William Paine, against the petition of the trustees of the state lunatic hospital at Worcester, for leave to sell their aqueduct in Worcester. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Lunatic Hospital at Worcester.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, the petition of Charles Thacher, 2d, register of probate and insolvency for Barnstable County, for an increase of salary. Referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery. Chas. Thacher, 2d.

By Mr. Butterworth of Brookfield, the remonstrance of Joseph Ramsdell and others; and by Mr. Pratt of Grafton, the remonstrance of A. M. Bigelow and 54 others of Grafton, against the division of Worcester County. Division of Worcester County.

By Mr. Reade of Milford, the petition of John Madden and 178 others of Milford, in aid of the petition of G. W. Stacy and others, for stated terms of the superior and supreme court. Milford—superior and supreme courts.

By Mr. Parker of Methuen, the remonstrance of D. Pierce and others of Methuen, against the consolidation of Methuen with the city of Lawrence and the towns of Andover and North Andover, in a judicial district for criminal business. Methuen.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Boston,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad have authority to visit Fitchburg in investigation of matters now before them. Sent up for concurrence. Committee on the Hoosac Tunnel.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Relative to arrest, imprisonment and discharge of poor debtors; Poor debtors.

To enable the owners of lands flowed under the mill acts to recover past damages; and Damage to lands.

To amend section 102 of chapter 123 of the General Statutes, concerning attachments of real estate; Real estate.

(Which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate;)

Were referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Hampden
County probate
courts.

A bill to change the time of holding probate courts in Hampden County, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Bills :

Mill Owners'
Ins. Co.

To authorize the Mill Owners' Mutual Fire Insurance Company to extend its business, and for other purposes ;

Emigrants'
Savings Bank.

To authorize the Emigrant Savings Bank to hold additional real estate ; and

Birds, birds'
eggs and deer.

To amend chapter 304 of the acts of 1870, concerning the preservation of birds, birds' eggs and deer ;

(Which had severally been passed to be engrossed by the Senate ;)

Were read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

Assistant At-
torney-General.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of William G. Colburn, reported a bill to establish the salary of the assistant attorney-general, which was referred, in course, to the committee on Finance.

Cedar Grove
Cemetery.

Mr. Cheney of Orange, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of William Pope and F. U. Tracy, reported a bill to change the time for the commissioners of Cedar Grove Cemetery to make their annual report. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Gas and gas-
meters.

Mr. Bailey of Georgetown, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the annual report of the inspector of gas and gas-meters, reported that no legislation is necessary thereon.

N. E. Female
Medical Col-
lege.

Mr. Field of Leominster, from the committee on Education, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the bill to authorize the New England Female Medical College and the trustees of the Boston University to unite, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Dog tax.

Mr. Moore of Concord, from the committee on Agriculture, to whom were referred the petitions of S. E. Sewall and others, George Stevens and others, and John Bertram and others, for an appropriation of a portion of the proceeds of the dog tax to the use of the mission for animals, reported leave to withdraw.

Deer.

Mr. Low of Essex, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of E. E. Swift and others, for the

repeal of an act concerning deer, reported leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, from the committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill to amend an act concerning dogs, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Mr. Knox of Lawrence moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House on Saturday rejected the bill to amend an act to incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company. The motion prevailed. Mr. Bigelow of Boston, proposed an amendment to the bill, which was rejected, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Hale of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House on Saturday passed to be engrossed the bill to authorize the Metropolitan Railroad Company to issue bonds. The motion was lost.

Mr. Kimball of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the petition of Peter T. Homer and others, that the usury laws may be considered by a large special committee, etc., was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. The vote was reconsidered, and the petition was referred to a joint special committee of eight on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, to be appointed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lamb of Greenfield, the vote was reconsidered by which the House on Saturday passed to be engrossed the Senate bill in addition to, and amendatory of, the several acts relating to the Turner's Falls Company. On motion of the same gentleman the bill was laid upon the table.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Sprague of Framingham and laid over, relative to amending chapter 40 of the acts of 1871, concerning preservation of voting lists, was amended on his motion to read "committee on Elections" instead of "committee on the Judiciary." As amended, the order was adopted.

Orders of the Day.

The reports :

Of the committee on the Judiciary, that it is inexpedient

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to legislate on the order relative to amending section 4, chapter 320, Acts of 1873, relative to limited partnerships ; and

Of the same committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending section 5 of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1873, concerning the declaration of votes at elections ;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to the expediency of amending the laws concerning the election of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor in towns was, on motion of Mr. Britton of Wakefield, laid on the table, and the bill proposed by Mr. Clark of Wilbraham, as a substitute for the report, was ordered to be printed.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, that it is inexpedient to rescind, on the order relative to repealing the 20th amendment to the constitution, providing that no person shall vote who cannot read the constitution in the English language and write his name, was considered.

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston moved to amend the report by substituting therefor a resolve providing for an amendment to the constitution in relation to the qualification of voters. On motion of the same gentleman, the consideration of the report was postponed until to-morrow, and the resolve ordered to be printed.

The report of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of the water commissioners of Springfield, for authority to borrow further sums of money than is now provided by law, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, was accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of the city of Cambridge, relative to the closing of fishways and erection of tide-gates upon Alewife Brook, was considered. Mr. Cushing of Cambridge moved to amend by substituting therefor a bill to authorize the city of Cambridge to construct and maintain tide-gates across Alewife Brook. The bill was read and substituted, and ordered to a second reading.

The bill in addition to acts in relation to smelt fisheries, was read, and on motion of Mr. Savage of Taunton, re-committed to the committee on the Fisheries.

The Senate bill in addition to an act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes, was, on motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to hold stock in certain steamboat companies ; and

To authorize the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation to hold stock in steamboat companies ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To incorporate the Massachusetts Anglers' Association ;
and

To authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Weston and Needham ;

Were read and severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in addition to an act to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take lands for freight purposes, in Charlestown, and for other purposes, was read and considered.

Mr. Adams moved to amend by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting a general law granting authority to all railroads to cross lands belonging to the Commonwealth, subject to the approval of the governor and council.

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston raising a question of Point of order. order, the Speaker ruled that a private or special act could not be changed by amendment to a general law, and that the amendment was not in order.

The bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill to promote the prompt and faithful administration of estates by public administrators, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill concerning sidewalks was read and considered. Amendments were proposed by Messrs. Cushing of Cambridge, Savage of Taunton, Loud of Winchendon, and Perkins of Boston. After debate, on motion of Mr. Hull of Stockbridge, the previous question was ordered. The amendment offered by Mr. Cushing was rejected, and pending the question of adopting Mr. Savage's amendment the House at 5.35

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 4, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*Edgartown
oyster fishery.

By Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the petition of W. H. Luce and 63 others, citizens of Tisbury, in aid of the petition of Jophanus H. Smith and others. Referred to the committee on Fisheries.

Prison for
women.

By Mr. Tyler of North Brookfield, the petition of H. P. Bartlett and 61 others, for a separate prison for female convicts. Referred to the committee on Prisons.

State and muni-
cipal insurance.

By Mr. Parker of Methuen, the petition of M. G. Smith and 36 others, citizens of Lawrence and Methuen, in favor of state and municipal insurance. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

Taxation of
mortgaged
property.

By Mr. Butterworth of Brookfield, the petition of Noah D. Ladd and others of Sturbridge; by Mr. Boise of Blandford, the petition of F. T. Moore and 30 others of Tolland; and by Mr. Goss of Melrose, the petition of George Emerson and 93 others,—all for the exemption of mortgaged property from taxation.

Just and equal
taxation.

By Mr. Smith of Granville, the petition of R. S. Brown and others for just and equal taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Night-walkers.

By Mr. Sawyer of Danvers, the petitions of Kate A. Mead and others, and of William Wood and others, for a law against night-walkers.

Division of
Worcester
County.

By Mr. Butterworth of Brookfield, the remonstrance of Noah D. Ladd and others of Sturbridge; by Mr. Pratt of Grafton, the remonstrance of Jonathan Warner and 69 others of Grafton; and by Mr. Haynes of Berlin, the remonstrance of Wilder Bush and 151 others, citizens of Northborough,—all against a division of Worcester County.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham,—

Voting lists.

Ordered, That the committee on Elections consider the expediency of amending chapter 40 of the acts of 1871, so

that voting lists used at the election of state officers shall not be used except for the election of officers voted for at such election.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Adams of Quincy, a bill to authorize towns to raise money to celebrate certain anniversaries. Referred to the committee on Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Town anniversaries.

Papers from the Senate.

The following papers were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns:—

Remonstrance of H. Collins and 65 others of Brookline, against the petition of James Greenough and others.

Brookline, Brighton and Boston boundary lines.

Petition of George Griggs and 72 others, in aid of the petition of James Greenough and others, for a change of boundary line between Brookline, Brighton and Boston.

Petitions of Benjamin Pierce and 8 others, and of James D. Green and 70 others, for the annexation of Cambridge to Boston.

Annexation of Cambridge.

A bill to incorporate the American Association for the Advancement of Science, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Am. Association for the Advancement of Science.

A resolve in favor of Susan W. Holton, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Susan W. Holton.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Parker of New Bedford, from the committee on Horse Railways, to whom was referred the bill concerning the Highland Street Railway Company; the petition of the Lynn Street Railway Company, for the extension of its road and other purposes; the petition of Marshall P. Wilder and others, for an act authorizing the Highland Street Railway Company to run its cars to and from certain places, and other petitions in aid of the same, reported leave to withdraw on the several matters, the objects desired being covered by the general street railway bill.

Highland Street R. R. Co.

Lynn Street R. R. Co.

Mr. Howes of Dennis, from the committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred the petition of the selectmen of Dennis, for the protection of the shell-fisheries, reported leave to withdraw.

Shell-fisheries.

Mr. Judd of Lee, from the committee on Elections, to whom was recommitted the petition of John I. Monroe,

John I. Monroe.

for a recount of the votes of the 22d Middlesex District for representative, reported that upon a recount of said votes, no error was discovered, and that John Cummings was entitled to the seat now occupied by him.

Boston Deaf
Mute Library
Association.

Mr. Lincoln of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the petition of the Boston Deaf Mute Library Association, for state aid, reported leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Duties, etc., of
superintendents
of schools.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the school committee of Cambridge, for amendment of section 35 of chapter 38 of the General Statutes, asked to be discharged from its consideration and recommended its reference to the committee on Education. The report was accepted, and the petition was referred to the committee on Education, and sent up for concurrence.

Discharged
female pris-
oners.

Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the resolve in aid of discharged female prisoners, reported that the same ought to pass, and it was referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Duxbury—
Wesleyan
Church.

Mr. Smith of Rutland, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was referred the petition of the trustees of the Wesleyan Church in Duxbury, reported a bill to change the name of the corporation known as the Trustees of the Wesleyan Church, in Duxbury.

Knights of
Pythias.

Mr. Hull of Stockbridge, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of James S. Farrington and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias in Massachusetts.

Treasurer of
Dukes County.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Barnard C. Marchant, reported a bill to fix the salary of the treasurer of Dukes County.

Terms of supe-
rior court.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order on the subject, reported a bill to provide for special terms of the superior court.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Disabled Sol-
diers' Employ-
ment Bureau.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of the Disabled

Soldiers' Employment Bureau, reported that it ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for its second reading.

Mr. Hull of Stockbridge moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the petition of Peter T. Homer and others, in relation to the usury laws, was referred to a joint special committee, but the motion was lost. Usury laws.

Mr. Adams of Quincy moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the Senate bill in addition to acts in relation to smelt fisheries was recommitted to the committee on Fisheries. The motion was carried, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Smelt fisheries.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To authorize the town of Woburn to issue additional water scrip ;

To incorporate the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Beverly ;

To change the name of the Institution for Savings in the town of Newton ;

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to purchase the Middleborough and Taunton Railroad ;

To authorize the Lowell and Andover Railroad Company to cross certain land of the Commonwealth in the town of Tewksbury ;

To amend the charter of the Oread Institute ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves passed.

Providing for the payment of expenses incurred in the supervision of the Hoosac Tunnel ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)
and

Authorizing the Massachusetts Agricultural College to pay money to Ira Cook ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The reports,

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, that no legislation is necessary on the annual report of the inspector of gas and gas-meters ; and

Orders of the day.

11 00 AM

Of the committee on Agriculture, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of E. E. Swift and others, for the repeal of an act concerning deer ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the Mill Owners' Mutual Fire Insurance Company to extend its business, and for other purposes ;

To authorize the Emigrant Savings Bank to hold additional real estate ; and

To amend chapter 304 of the acts of 1870, concerning the preservation of birds, birds' eggs and deer ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to incorporate the town of Rockland was read and debated. On motion of Mr. Adams of Waltham, it was voted to close the debate at 4 o'clock. On motion of Mr. Buxton of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of engrossment. The roll was called, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence by a vote of 115 yeas to 94 nays. The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Messrs. Edward Eaton,
Charles Alden,	Lucian F. Eldridge,
Joseph E. Bailey,	John B. Fairbanks,
George Bartholmesz,	John E. Fitzgerald,
John Bigelow,	Eustace C. Fitz,
Stephen F. Blaney,	John W. Fletcher,
John C. Blood,	George S. Gates,
William E. Blunt,	Asahel Gates,
Enos W. Boise,	John J. Giles,
S. W. Brayton,	Sam'l S. Ginnodo,
Stillman Butterworth,	Elbridge H. Goss,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Brownell Granger,
James H. Carleton,	F. E. Gray,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Horace Haskins,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	John F. Haskins,
Francis E. Clark,	Benj. F. Hayes,
Patrick Collins,	Samuel M. Haynes,
John Cummings,	Benj. Heath,
John A. Cummings,	Allen Higginbottom,
Timothy J. Dacey,	John B. Hill,
Curtis Davis,	Joseph W. Hill,
Henry C. Davis,	T. M. House,
I. W. Derby,	Benj. Howard,
Edward Dickinson,	David P. Howes,
Jarvis N. Dunham,	Francis M. Hughes,

Messrs. Richardson Hutchinson,	Messrs. Joshua C. Robinson,
Jonathan Johnson,	George D. Robinson,
Erastus Jones,	Joseph W. Rogers,
Charles H. Killam,	William R. Roundy,
Lucius W. Knight,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
Henry D. Lay,	John Savery,
Frederic W. Lincoln,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Lewis Lombard,	E. H. Seymour,
Edward P. Loring,	Charles L. Shaw,
Henry B. Lovering,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Julius M. Lyon,	William L. Slade,
John T. Manny,	Moses Smith,
Lyman Mason,	Abraham H. Smith,
Horace H. Mayhew,	George D. Smalley,
Edward McCleave,	Franklin H. Sprague,
John J. McNutt,	Sumner Southworth,
Joseph B. Morss,	Richard H. Stearns,
William H. Murray,	Ezra Stearns,
Avery W. Nelson,	Isaac Stebbins,
W. Stanley Newhall,	John H. Studley,
Richard Olney,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Almon M. Orcutt,	James G. Tarr,
Albert Palmer,	Daniel H. Thurston,
James O. Parker,	Artemas S. Tyler,
William E. Perkins,	Warren Tyler,
Smith R. Phillips,	Michael F. Wells,
Richard Pope,	T. W. Wellington,
Francis E. Porter,	William Whiting,
Charles L. Pratt,	Robert R. Wiley,
D. Franklin Reed,	Henry W. Wilson,
J. A. G. Richardson,	Henry W. Wright,
John W. Rice,	George C. Wright.
J. A. Rich,	

NAYS.

Messrs. William Abbott,	Messrs. Aaron O. Buxton,
John Q. Adams,	Damon E. Cheney,
Andrew Athy,	Albe C. Clark,
Emory Banister,	Charles R. Codman,
Patrick Barry,	L. J. Cole,
John H. Bell,	J. W. Coveney,
Robert R. Bishop,	George G. Crocker,
Sanford W. Billings,	Ben. C. Currier,
Dennis Bonner,	Francis C. Curtis,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	John Cushing,
Samuel H. Boutwell,	Augustus B. Endicott,
Reuben Boynton,	James E. Estabrook,
Richard Britton,	George O. Fairbanks,
William B. Brown,	John H. Fisher,
James N. Buffum,	Joseph E. Fiske,

Messrs. Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,	Messrs. Samuel Loring,
William Frost,	Aaron Low,
Thomas Gates,	Horatio A. Lucas,
Ziba Gay,	Albert Mason,
Addison Gilbert,	David Mayhew,
Levi L. Goodspeed,	Daniel McCowan,
Andrew J. Gove,	James L. Merritt,
Charles Hale,	Albert Montague,
Gayton M. Hall,	John F. Moors,
Nahum B. Hall,	Andrew M. Morton,
Solomon E. Hallett,	Reuben Noble,
Joshua P. Haskell,	Lysander J. Orcutt,
James E. Hill,	Charles S. Osgood,
Geo. Hodges,	William C. Parker, Jr.,
N. E. Hollis,	Willard P. Phillips,
Andrew Howes,	Henry L. Pratt,
Edward G. Hull,	Edward B. Rankin,
John B. Hull,	Lawrence Reade,
James D. Hurlburt,	Cyrus Savage,
Nathan S. Jenkins,	Isaac F. Sawtell,
Edward J. Johnson,	George A. Shaw,
George W. Jones,	Warren Sibley,
Thomas M. Judd,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
Jesse E. Keith,	Albert Smith,
Elbridge G. Kelley,	Rufus Smith,
Moses Kimball,	George W. Taft,
George P. Kingsley,	Leonard Washburn,
Samuel O. Lamb,	Simon H. White,
Daniel J. Lewis,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Willard Lewis,	James B. Williams,
Joseph C. Little,	Samuel Winslow,
Charles A. Loud,	Henry V. Woods.

Yeas, 115; nays, 94.

On motion of Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, the consideration of the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient on the order relative to repealing the 20th amendment to the Constitution, providing that no person shall vote who cannot read the Constitution in the English language and write his name, was postponed until tomorrow.

The bill to authorize the town of Barre to raise and appropriate money for the celebration of its centennial anniversary, was read, and on motion of Mr. Hayes of Medford, laid on the table.

The bill concerning sidewalks was considered. The amendments proposed by Messrs. Savage of Taunton and

Perkins of Boston were adopted, and that offered by Mr. Loud of Winchendon was rejected. The bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to hold stock in steamboat companies, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments was read and considered. Pending its consideration, the House at 4.35

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 5, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions and Remonstrances.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, the remonstrance of C. C. Pettingell and others of Salem, and by Mr. Porter of Beverly, the remonstrance of John Pickett and others of Beverly, against the petition of Joseph Perkins, for increase of pilotage.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

By Mr. Noble of Westfield, petitions of S. Hooper; of Alvah Crocker; of James Buffington,—all concerning taxation of mortgaged property.

By Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, petition of A. McBride and 38 others of Wellesley.

By Mr. Smith of Cambridge, petition of S. Hinckley and 87 others of Marlborough.

By Mr. Coveney of Cambridge, petition of B. B. Hill and 27 others of Springfield.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, petition of Charles Pierce and 202 others of Somerville, Boston and vicinity—all for just and equal taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Rice of Barre, remonstrance of Jason Goulding and 44 others of Phillipston, against a division of Worcester County.

Gt. Barrington
—erection of
buildings.

By Mr. Wright of Great Barrington, petition of the town of Great Barrington, for authority for said town to unite with the county of Berkshire in the erection of certain buildings.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Introduced on Leave.

Preservation of
ballots.

By Mr. Buxton of Boston, a bill to amend an act concerning the preservation of ballots in towns. Referred to the committee on Elections.

Orders.

Property ex-
empted from
taxation.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Just and Equal Taxation consider the expediency of providing that assessors shall return to the Tax Commissioner a full statement of property exempted from taxation in the several cities and towns of the Commonwealth.

Sent up for concurrence.

Sinking funds.

On motion of Mr. Southworth of Williamstown,—

Ordered, That the committee on Finance be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 155, acts of 1873, by striking out the third section, providing for borrowing money from sinking funds.

Papers from the Senate.

J. C. Vaughn.

The petition of Jesse C. Vaughn, for payment of state bounty, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Dog tax.

The petition of L. W. Pond and others, in aid of the petition of S. E. Sewall and others, concerning the dog tax, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture.

Ratable value
of polls.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint select committee on Just and Equal Taxation be requested to consider and report upon the expediency of determining a ratable value of the polls of this Commonwealth for the purposes of taxation.

Duxbury and
Cohasset R. R.
Co.

A bill concerning the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Special Assignment.

The hour for the special assignment, being the election of three state directors for the Boston and Albany Railroad, having arrived, State directors
of Boston and
Albany R. R.
Co.

On motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield, a message was sent to the Senate proposing a joint convention of the two branches for that purpose, the chair appointing Mr. Noble to convey the message.

A message was subsequently received from the Senate accepting the proposition for a joint convention, and the Senate shortly afterward came in, and, the two branches being in convention, a committee consisting of Messrs. Merrill, Nye and Fuller, of the Senate, and Messrs. Adams of Waltham, Blood of Lowell, Rust of Boston, Williams of Douglas, Gleason of Watertown, and Robinson of Falmouth, of the House, was appointed to receive, sort and count the votes.

The committee afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes,	244
Necessary for a choice,	123
Joseph H. Chadwick of Boston,	208
Lewis R. Norton of Westfield,	207
Charles L. Wood of New Bedford,	157
John G. Mudge of Petersham,	85
Charles R. Ladd of Springfield,	22
Thomas F. Plunkett of Pittsfield,	20
George Heywood of Concord,	2
George W. Chipman of Boston,	1

And Messrs. Chadwick, Norton and Wood were chosen.

The convention then dissolved.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to amending chapter 274, acts of 1872, relating to contracts with officers of cities, reported inexpedient to legislate. Contracts with
city officers.

The same gentleman from the same committee, on the order relative to extending provisions of the lien law to keepers of boarding stables, reported inexpedient to legislate. Lien on horses
by stable
keepers.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Isaac F. Sawtelle Birthday of
Abraham Lin-
coln.

and others, that the 12th of February be made a legal holiday, reported leave to withdraw.

Trustees of
wages of wives,
etc.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the order relative to amending chapter 95, acts of 1868, concerning the trustee process as affecting the wages of the wife and minor children of a debtor, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Geo. C. Bonner
et als.

Mr. Pope of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petition of George C. Bonner and others, for an act of incorporation of the New England Passenger Conductors' Life Insurance Association, reported leave to withdraw.

County prison-
ers.

Mr. Chapman of New Bedford, from the committee on Prisons, on the order relative to amending section 4, chapter 370, acts of 1870, concerning payment of money by counties from whose prisons prisoners are removed to other counties, reported inexpedient to legislate.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Cambridge
Improvement
Company.

Mr. Perkins of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the petition of James A. Woodbury and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Cambridge Improvement Company.

Practice in the
supreme judi-
cial and superior
courts.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to amend some of the rules of practice in the supreme judicial and superior courts, reported in part that the same ought to pass in a new draft.

Great Barring-
ton.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the town of Great Barrington, reported a bill to authorize the sale of public buildings in Great Barrington, and for other purposes.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Small-pox.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to the interpretation of chapter 189, acts of 1872, reported a bill relating to small-pox and other contagious diseases.

Lee police
court.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Harrison Garfield and others for increase of salary of the justice of the police court of Lee, reported a bill to fix the salary of the judge of the police court of Lee.

These bills were severally referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the committee on Jane Parks. Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Jane Parks for state aid, reported a resolve in favor of Jane Parks.

Referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To incorporate the Boston Protective Department ;

To authorize the town of Concord to raise money for a monument and for its dedication ;

To amend "an act to establish a ministerial fund for the support of the gospel ministry in the First Parish in the town of Medford" ;

To change the name of the Union Street Methodist Episcopal Church of Springfield ;

To incorporate the Masonic Building Association in New Bedford ; and

To prohibit the hunting or taking of rabbits or hares by the use of the ferret ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the bill in addition to an act to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take lands for freight purposes in Charlestown, and for other purposes, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the 59th rule of the House, and was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Eastern Railroad Company.

On motion of the same gentleman, the 15th rule of the House was suspended, and the bill was at once sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the bill to authorize the New England Female Medical College and the trustees of the Boston University to unite, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on the Judiciary, was accepted, and the bill was so referred. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Elections, to whom was recommitted the petition of John I. Monroe, for a recount of the votes of the 22d Middlesex District for represent-

ative, with instructions to count the same, that the recount verified the return of the town officers, and that the sitting member, Mr. Cummings, is entitled to the seat, was accepted.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw on the petition of the Boston Deaf Mute Library Association, for state aid ; also

The report of the committee on the Fisheries, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw on the petition of the selectmen of Dennis, for the protection of the shell-fisheries ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To change the name of the corporation known as the Trustees of the Wesleyan Church, in Duxbury ;

To incorporate the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias in Massachusetts ;

To provide for special terms of the superior court ;

To incorporate the American Association for the Advancement of Science ; also a

Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the Mill Owners' Mutual Fire Insurance Company to extend its business, and for other purposes ; and

To authorize the Emigrant Savings Bank to hold additional real estate ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments was read and considered.

Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, moved to amend in the first and second lines of section 1, by striking out the words "minor under the age of eighteen years, and no female over that age," and inserting instead thereof the word "person"; also in the 4th, 5th and 6th lines of the first section of the printed bill by striking out the words "the manufacture of cotton, woollen, linen, jute, silk or other textile fabrics, threads, yarns or worsteds," and inserting instead thereof the words "any manufacturing establishment"; also to strike out at the end of the same section

the words "running of the mill or machinery," and inserting instead the word "business." Also to strike out in the second section the words "and any parent or guardian of such minor, who shall permit such minor to work or be so employed"; also in the third section, to strike out the word "May," and insert instead the word "November."

Mr. Blaney of Peabody moved to amend in the second line of the first section by striking out the words "and no female over that age."

A motion by Mr. Sprague of Framingham to postpone the further consideration of the bill until to-morrow, was lost.

On motion of Mr. Wright of Great Barrington, the previous question was ordered.

On motion of Mr. Parker of Methuen, the yeas and nays were ordered on the main question.

The several amendments noted above were then rejected; and the roll was called and the bill was ordered to a third reading, there being 111 yeas and 19 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
Emory Banister,
Patrick Barry,
George Bartholmesz,
William G. Bassett,
John H. Bell,
Samuel P. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
John C. Blood,
William E. Blunt,
Dennis Bonner,
Samuel H. Boutwell,
James N. Buffum,
Stillman Butterworth,
Aaron O. Buxton,
Alonzo A. Carr,
James H. Carleton,
Damon E. Cheney,
Albe C. Clark,
Charles R. Codman,
Patrick Collins,
Austin H. Connell,
Henry J. Couch,
J. W. Coveney,
John A. Cummings,

Messrs. Ben. C. Currier,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Henry C. Davis,
John Davol, Jr.,
I. W. Derby,
Edward Dickinson,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
George O. Fairbanks,
John B. Fairbanks,
John H. Fisher,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
Thomas Gates,
Asahel Gates
Elbridge H. Goss,
Solomon E. Hallett,
Horace Haskins,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Benj. F. Hayes,
Sam'l M. Haynes,
Benj. Heath,
Allen Higginbottom,
John B. Hill,
James E. Hill,
Benj. Howard,
David P. Howes,

Messrs. Andrew Howes,
 Francis M. Hughes,
 James D. Hurlbut,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Edward J. Johnson,
 George W. Jones,
 George P. Kingsley,
 William S. Knox,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Joseph C. Little,
 Charles A. Loud,
 Edward P. Loring,
 Samuel Loring,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 John T. Manny,
 Lyman Mason,
 Albert Mason,
 Horace H. Mayhew,
 David Mayhew,
 Edward McCleave,
 Daniel McCowan,
 John J. McNutt,
 Albert Montague,
 John F. Moors,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 W. Stanley Newhall,
 Reuben Noble,
 Porter Nutting,
 Charles S. Osgood,

Messrs. Albert Palmer,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 James O. Parker,
 William E. Perkins,
 Richard Pope,
 Henry L. Pratt,
 Lawrence Reade,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 George D. Robinson,
 Charles Robinson, Jr.,
 Joseph W. Rogers,
 Nathaniel J. Rust,
 Cyrus Savage,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 Charles L. Shaw,
 J. K. C. Sleeper,
 Albert Smith,
 George D. Smalley,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Richard H. Stearns,
 Ezra Stearns,
 John H. Studley,
 Daniel J. Sweeney,
 George W. Taft,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Timothy W. Wellington,
 Moses Williams, Jr.,
 Henry W. Wright,
 George C. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
 John Bigelow,
 Enos W. Boise,
 S. W. Brayton,
 Francis E. Clark,
 George G. Crocker,
 Samuel S. Gleason,
 Nahum B. Hall,
 John B. Hull,
 Thomas M. Judd,

Messrs. Moses Kimball,
 Willard Lewis,
 Julius M. Lyon,
 Joseph B. Morss,
 William H. Murray,
 Lysander J. Orcutt,
 John W. Rice,
 J. A. Rich,
 Sumner Southworth.

Yeas, 111 ; nays, 19.

At 5.40 the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 6, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Buxton of Boston, the petition of Catherine Harvey, for state aid, and the petition of Arthur H. Wilson and others, in aid of the same. Catherine Harvey.

By Mr. Bassett of Easthampton, the petition of Mrs. Harriet E. Stone, for state aid. Harriet E. Stone.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Bassett of Easthampton, the petition of William N. Clapp and 30 others of Easthampton, to amend the tax laws, section 31, chapter 11, of the General Statutes, and chapter 158, laws of 1862, so that the poll-tax shall be a certain percentage of the whole tax to be raised, and not limited to two dollars. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation. Poll taxes.

By Mr. Bosworth of Taunton, the petition of Charles Robinson and others of Raynham, in aid of the petition of Samuel A. Dean and others, for the use of broad-rimmed wheels on loaded wagons. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Broad-rimmed wheels on vehicles.

By Mr. Gates of Groton, the petition of the selectmen of Groton, to legalize the vote of said town appropriating money to defray the expense of the reception of the Old Sixth Regiment. Referred to the committee on Towns. Groton.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Sawin of Gardner, a resolution passed by the town of Gardner, remonstrating against the establishment of a judicial district in the north-western part of Worcester County. Judicial district for Worcester.

By the same gentleman, a resolution passed by the town of Gardner, remonstrating against a division of Worcester County; and by Mr. Woods of Boylston, the remonstrance of H. H. Brigham against the division of said county. Division of Worcester County.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the petition of Paul Giddings, for state aid, was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence. Paul Giddings.

Orders.

The following order, offered by Mr. Fiske of Needham, was laid over until to-morrow, at the request of Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston :—

Hour of meet-
ing.

Ordered, That the sessions of the House of Representatives begin hereafter on Saturdays at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. Fiske of Needham moved that when the House adjourn it adjourn to meet at ten o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg raised the point of order, that as a similar matter is pending in the order which was laid over, the motion was out of order.

The Speaker ruled that the point was not well taken, the order referring to all Saturdays, and the motion only to a single adjournment.

The motion was then carried.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley of Boston,—

Sewers and
drains.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 1, chapter 48, of the General Statutes, so as to apply to sewers and drains used by one or more parties in any private way or passage-way in the city of Boston.

Papers from the Senate.

Duty on coal.

A resolve concerning the removal of duty on coal, introduced on leave in the Senate and referred to the committee on Federal Relations, came down for concurrence, but the House non-concurred in the reference.

Conveyances by
trustees.

A bill to confirm certain conveyances by certain trustees, introduced on leave and passed to be engrossed under a suspension of the rules by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Boston Gas-
Light Company.

A bill in addition to an act incorporating the Boston Gas-Light Company, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Barre—centen-
nial celebration.

On motion of Mr. Rice of Barre, the bill to authorize the town of Barre to raise and appropriate money for the celebration of its centennial anniversary, was taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

Highland Street
Railroad.

On motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford, the report of the committee on Horse Railways, that no legislation is

necessary, on the bill concerning the Highland Street Railway Company ; the petition of the Lynn Street Railway Company, for the extension of its road, and other purposes ; the petition of Marshall P. Wilder and others, for an act authorizing the Highland Street Railway Company to run its cars to and from certain places, and other petitions in aid of the same, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule, and was then laid on the table.

Lynn Street
Railroad.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the bill to authorize the sale of certain public buildings in the town of Great Barrington, was, under suspension of the rules, discharged from the orders of the day, read, and after being amended on motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton, ordered to a third reading, and under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed and sent at once to the Senate.

Great Barrington.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

In addition to an act to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track, and take land for other purposes in Charlestown, and for other purposes ;

To authorize the Metropolitan Railroad Company to issue bonds ; and

To incorporate the town of Rockland ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed bill to prevent the desertion of crews of vessels (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted. Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, the enactment was reconsidered, and on his motion, under a suspension of the rules, the House reconsidered its concurrence in an amendment to the bill made by the Senate, and concurred in the same with an amendment to the amendment. Sent up for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Howes of Dennis, from the committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred the petition of Royal Phinney and others for the protection of fish in North Pond in Orange, reported leave to withdraw.

Orange—North
Pond fishery.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Silas P. Pells and others of

Mashpee—
catching of eels.

Mashpee to prevent the catching of eels in any waters of said town, reported leave to withdraw.

Sheriffs' juries.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 261, acts of 1873, relating to sheriffs' juries, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Administration of oaths in town affairs.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the same committee, to whom was referred the order relative to the expediency of providing that the chairman of the board of selectmen may administer oaths in town affairs, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Sureties on bonds.

Mr. Robinson of Newton, from the same committee, to whom was referred the order relative to the expediency of requiring notification of sureties on bonds, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Cambridge Firemen's Relief Association.

Mr. Lincoln of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the petition of the Cambridge Firemen's Relief Association for an act of incorporation, reported leave to withdraw.

Attleborough Farmers' and Mechanics' Agricultural Association.

Mr. Sibley of Auburn, from the committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the petition of the Attleborough Farmers' and Mechanics' Agricultural Association for an act of incorporation, reported leave to withdraw.

Bank shares.

Mr. Tyler of Lowell, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the petition of H. A. Burget and others, relative to the taxation of bank shares, asked to be discharged from its further consideration and recommended that it be referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Norwich and Worcester Railroad.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, to whom were referred the petitions of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, and of W. T. Hart and others, trustees, for the application of the sinking fund provided for by chapter 134, acts of 1854, reported leave to withdraw.

Chas. F. Tower.

Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Charles F. Tower, for state aid, reported leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

John McGrath.

Mr. Smalley of Harwich, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John McGrath, reported a resolve in his favor.

Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Louanna Payne, reported a resolve in favor of Willie L. Payne.

Mr. Gates of Groton, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph McEvoy, reported a resolve in his favor.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order concerning the transaction of criminal business in Suffolk County, reported a bill to provide for the appointment of a second assistant district-attorney for the Suffolk district.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill relative to the salaries of certain judicial officers, reported a bill to establish the salaries of the justices and clerks of the municipal court of Taunton, and of the police court of Somerville.

These resolves and bills were referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Billings of Sharon, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred an order on the subject, reported a bill relating to the return of the names of persons between the ages of five and fifteen years.

Mr. Phillips of Springfield, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the Savings Bank Commissioner's report of last year, reported a bill relating to returns of savings banks.

Mr. Howes of Dennis, from the committee on the Fisheries, to whom was recommitted the bill for the preservation of lobsters, reported the same in a new draft.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on an order relative to amending chapter 155, acts of 1873, reported a bill to repeal section 3 of chapter 155 of the year 1873, in relation to borrowing money from sinking funds.

Mr. Cheney of Orange, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of Horace W. Willson and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Grand Temple of Honor and Temperance in Massachusetts.

Mr. Noyes of North Bridgewater, from the same committee, on the petition of John McNulty, reported a bill to incorporate the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Fall River.

Mr. Fairbanks of Natick, from the committee on Horse Railways, to whom was recommitted the bill concerning

Willie L. Payne.

Joseph
McEvoy.Assistant dis-
trict-attorney
of Suffolk Dis-
trict.Police courts
of Taunton and
Somerville.Returns of
children's ages.Savings banks
returns.

Lobsters.

Sinking funds.

Grand Temple
of Honor and
Temperance.Ancient Order
of Hibernians.Middlesex Rail-
road Co.

the Middlesex Railroad Company, reported the bill in a new draft.

Father Mathew
Total Absti-
nence Society.

Mr. Noyes of North Bridgewater, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported a bill to incorporate the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society in the city of Lowell.

Attleborough.

Mr. Hull of Stockbridge, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of the Attleborough Water Supply District, reported a bill in addition to an act to supply the village of Attleborough with water for the extinguishing of fires, and for other purposes.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

District court
of Southern
Worcester.

Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to amend chapter 201 of the acts of 1872, to establish the second district court of southern Worcester, reported that it ought to pass.

Mass. School
for Idiotic and
Feeble-minded
Youth.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-minded Youth, reported that it ought to pass.

Lee police
court.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the same committee, reported that the bill to fix the salary of the justice of the police court of Lee, ought to pass.

Elizabeth Mar-
tindale.

Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, from the same committee, to whom were referred the resolves in favor of Elizabeth Martindale, and

Discharged
female prison-
ers.

In favor of discharged female prisoners, reported that they ought to pass.

Assistant at-
torney-general.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to establish the salary of the assistant attorney-general of the Commonwealth, reported that it ought to pass.

Jane Parks.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported that the resolve in favor of Jane Parks, ought to pass.

Cultivation of
useful fishes.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill in addition to an act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes, reported that the bill ought to pass, with an amendment.

These resolves and bills were severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Nashua, Acton
and Boston
R. R.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the Nashua,

Acton and Boston Railroad Company to mortgage its road and for other purposes, reported that it ought not to pass. Under a suspension of the rules the bill was considered and rejected.

Orders of the Day.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Orders of the day.

Granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Isaac F. Sawtelle and others, that the 12th of February be made a legal holiday ;

Inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to extending provisions of the lien law to keepers of boarding stables ;

Inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to amending chapter 274, acts of 1872, relating to contracts with officers of cities ; and

Inexpedient to legislate upon an order relative to amending chapter 95, acts of 1868, concerning the trustee process as affecting the wages of the wife and minor children of a debtor ;

Were severally accepted.

Reports of the committee on Insurance :

Granting leave to withdraw on the petition of George C. Bonner and others, for an act of incorporation of the New England Passenger Conductors' Life Insurance Association ; and

Of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to amending section 4, chapter 370, acts of 1870, concerning payment of money by counties from whose prisons prisoners are removed to other counties ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To change the time for the commissioners of Cedar Grove Cemetery to make their annual report ;

To fix the salary of the treasurer of Dukes County ;

Concerning the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the town of Lexington to raise money for a centennial celebration ;

To change the name of the corporation known as the Trustees of the Wesleyan Church, in Duxbury ;

To provide for special terms of the superior court;
and a

Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the American Association for the Advancement of Science, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, that it is inexpedient on the order relative to repealing the 20th amendment to the constitution, providing that no person shall vote who cannot read the constitution in the English language and write his name, was considered, the question being on amending by substituting a resolve offered by Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, providing for an amendment to the constitution annulling article twentieth of the amendments thereof.

After debate, the previous question was ordered on motion of Mr. Buxton of Boston, and the yeas and nays on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston.

The roll being called there were 69 yeas and 91 nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
John Q. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
Emory Banister,
Patrick Barry,
George Barthomesz,
William G. Bassett,
John H. Bell,
Robert R. Bishop,
Richard D. Blinn,
John C. Blood,
William E. Blunt,
Enos W. Boise,
Dennis Bonner,
James H. Carleton,
Patrick Collins,
Austin H. Connell,
Henry J. Couch,
J. W. Coveney,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Curtis Davis,

Messrs. Henry C. Davis,
John Davol, Jr.,
I. W. Derby,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
Augustus B. Endicott,
James E. Estabrook,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
George S. Gates,
Thomas Gates,
Brownell Granger,
Samuel M. Haynes,
Benj. Heath,
James E. Hill,
Geo. Hodges,
James D. Hurlbut,
Thomas M. Judd,
Jesse E. Keith,
Charles H. Killam,
George P. Kingsley,
Henry B. Lovering,
Daniel McCowan,

Messrs. Andrew M. Morton,
William H. Murray,
Porter Nutting,
Richard Olney,
Charles S. Osgood,
Albert Palmer,
James O. Parker,
Willard P. Phillips,
Richard Pope,
Henry L. Pratt,
Edward B. Rankin,
Lawrence Reade,
D. Franklin Reed,

Messrs. J. A. G. Richardson,
John Savery,
Nathaniel Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
Warren Sibley,
Albert Smith,
John H. Studley,
Daniel J. Sweeney,
Artemas S. Tyler,
Warren Tyler,
James B. Williams,
Robert R. Wiley.

NAYS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
Joseph E. Bailey,
John Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,
Samuel H. Boutwell,
S. W. Brayton,
Richard Britton,
William B. Brown,
Stillman Butterworth,
Aaron O. Buxton,
Alonzo A. Carr,
Alfred A. Clatur,
Francis E. Clark,
Charles R. Codman,
L. J. Cole,
George G. Crocker,
John A. Cummings,
Francis C. Curtis,
Thomas S. Cushman,
Edward Dickinson,
Jarvis N. Dunham,
Edward Eaton,
C. C. Field,
John H. Fisher,
Joseph E. Fiske,
John W. Fletcher,
William Frost,
Asahel Gates,
John J. Giles,
Sam'l S. Ginnodo,
Samuel S. Gleason,
Charles Hale,
Solomon E. Hallett,

Messrs. Horace Haskins,
John F. Haskins,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Allen Higginbottom,
John B. Hill,
Joseph W. Hill,
Benj. Howard,
Andrew Howes,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Jonathan Johnson,
Erastus Jones,
Moses Kimball,
William S. Knox,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Lewis Lombard,
Edward P. Loring,
Samuel Loring,
Aaron Low,
Horatio A. Lucas,
John T. Manny,
Albert Mason,
Horace H. Mayhew,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
Albert Montague,
John B. Moore,
W. Stanley Newhall,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
William E. Perkins,
Francis E. Porter,
John W. Rice,
J. A. Rich,
George D. Robinson,
Charles Robinson, Jr.,

Messrs. Joseph W. Rogers,
William R. Roundy,
Nathaniel J. Rust,
George J. Sanger,
Cyrus Savage,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
E. H. Seymour,
Henry P. Shattuck,
William L. Slade,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Abraham H. Smith,

Messrs. Sumner Southworth,
Richard H. Stearns,
Isaac Stebbins,
James G. Tarr,
Daniel H. Thurston,
Simon H. White,
Moses Williams, Jr.,
Henry W. Wilson,
Samuel Winslow,
Henry V. Woods.

Yeas, 69 ; nays, 91.

And the amendment was lost. The report of the committee was then accepted.

A resolve in favor of Sarah M. Tuttle was considered, the committee on Finance having reported that the same ought not to pass, and the question being on its rejection.

After debate the previous question was ordered, and the rejection being negatived, the resolve was ordered to a second reading.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 7, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Fiske of Needham, a member of the House.

Petitions Presented.

Taxation of
mortgaged
property.

By Mr. Britton of Wakefield, the petition of Joshua Perham and 98 others, legal voters of Wakefield, relative to the exemption of mortgaged property from taxation. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, and sent up for concurrence.

Division of
Worcester
County.

By Mr. Loud of Winchendon, resolutions passed by the town of Winchendon, remonstrating against a division of Worcester County, and also against the establishment of a judicial district in the north-western part of Worcester County. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Introduced on Leave.

Light-houses.

By Mr. Mason of Plymouth, a bill to cede jurisdiction to the United States over sites of certain light-houses. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker appointed the following gentlemen, members on the part of the House, of the joint special committee on the subject of Usury Laws :—

Messrs. Carleton of Haverhill, Bishop of Newton, Cummings of Woburn, Fitz of Chelsea, Frost of Boston, Loring of Fitchburg, Shaw of Boston and Knox of Lawrence. Sent up to be joined.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill to amend an act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on the Fisheries.

The petition of Caspar Crowninshield and 58 others, in aid of the petition of James Greenough and others, for a change of boundary line between Brookline, Brighton and Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Clerk of the Senate notify Messrs. Charles L. Wood of New Bedford, Louis R. Norton of Westfield and Joseph H. Chadwick of Boston, that they have been duly elected directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation on the part of the Commonwealth, for the term of two years, and that he also notify the clerk of the corporation of the election of the above named gentlemen.

A bill to prevent the taking of tame doves by snares, traps or otherwise, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Mason of Boston, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the bill to authorize towns to raise money to celebrate certain anniversaries, reported that it ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Monday.

Mr. Porter of Beverly, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill to extend the time for paying state aid to disabled soldiers and sailors and their families, and the families of the slain, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment. Referred, in course, to the committee on Finance.

Salem Hospital. Mr. Slade of Somerset, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the petition of the Salem Hospital, reported a bill to authorize the Salem Hospital to hold additional estate.

South Bay. Mr. Perkins of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of the mayor of Boston, reported a bill in addition to an act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out a public street or way across South Bay.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed. Engrossed bills :

To unite the American Education Society and the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education ;

To extend the charter of the Barnstable County Mutual Fire Insurance Company and to authorize said corporation to hold real estate ;

To establish the Board of Registrars of Voters of the city of Boston and to regulate the preparation and revision of the voting lists in said city ;

In addition to an act to incorporate the Episcopal Church in Dedham ;

To authorize the sale of public buildings in Great Barrington, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;) and

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to hold stock in certain steamboat companies ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed. An engrossed resolve, in favor of Chester C. Conant (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Sessions of the House.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Fiske of Needham, and laid over, providing that hereafter the sessions of the House shall begin on Saturday at 10 o'clock, A. M., was adopted.

Election of selectmen, assessors, etc.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to the expediency of amending the laws concerning the election of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor, and the bill proposed by Mr. Clark of Wilbraham as a substitute therefor, were

taken from the table, on motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

The report of the committee on Finance, leave to withdraw on the petitions of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, and of W. T. Hart and others, trustees, for the application of the sinking fund provided for by chapter 134, acts of 1854, was, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, discharged from the orders of the day and laid upon the table.

Norwich and
Worcester
Railroad.

The communication from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting the reports of the Commissioner and Associate-Commissioners from this Commonwealth to the Vienna Exposition, was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, and referred to a joint special committee to be appointed, of eight on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

Vienna Exhibi-
tion

Orders of the Day.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Orders of the
day.

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 261, acts of 1873, relating to sheriffs' juries ;

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the expediency of providing that the chairman of the board of selectmen may administer oaths in town affairs ; and

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the expediency of requiring notifications of sureties on bonds ;

Were severally accepted.

The reports of the committee on the Fisheries :

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Royal Phinney and others, for the protection of fish in North Pond, in Orange ; and

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Silas P. Pells and others, of Mashpee, to prevent the catching of eels in any waters of said town ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The reports :

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, leave to withdraw on the petition of the Cambridge Firemen's Relief Association for an act of incorporation ;

Of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw on the petition of the Attleborough Farmers' and Mechanics' Agricultural Association for an act of incorporation ;

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of H. A. Burget and others, relative to the taxation of bank shares, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation; and

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on the petition of Charles F. Tower, for state aid;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw on the petitions of S. E. Sewall and others, George Stevens and others, and John Bertram and others, for an appropriation of a portion of the proceeds of the dog tax to the use of the mission for animals, was debated. Mr. Sleeper of Malden moved to amend the report by substituting a bill therefor. The substitute was rejected, and the report accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The bill to amend an act concerning dogs was debated and rejected, in accordance with the report of the committee on Agriculture.

The bill to authorize the city of Cambridge to construct and maintain tide-gates across Alewife Brook, was, on motion of Mr. Wilson of Boston, referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Point of order. The bill concerning sidewalks was read and considered. Mr. Codman of Boston moved to amend by striking out the last clause of the third section: "nor to any city unless accepted by the city council," being an amendment adopted at its previous reading. Mr. Parker of New Bedford raised the point of order that the amendment could not properly be considered, because it would operate as a reconsideration of an amendment adopted at a previous stage, but the Speaker ruled that the point was not well taken, and that if an amendment was made at one stage of a bill, inserting certain words, the same words, or any part of them, could be stricken out by amendment at a subsequent stage, without reconsideration of the first amendment. Mr. Codman's amendment was rejected, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to amend chapter 304 of the acts of 1870, concerning the preservation of birds, birds' eggs and deer, was read and amended, on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in addition to acts in relation to smelt fisheries, was read and considered. Amendments proposed by Messrs. Fairbanks of Fall River and Fitz of Chelsea, were adopted. The bill was then rejected.

Bills :

To amend some of the rules of practice in the supreme and superior courts ;

Relating to the return of the names of persons between the ages of five and fifteen years ;

Relating to returns of savings banks ;

To incorporate the Cambridge Improvement Company ;

For the preservation of lobsters ;

To repeal section 3 of chapter 155 of the acts of 1873, in relation to borrowing money from sinking funds ;

To amend chapter 201 of the acts of 1872, to establish the second district court of southern Worcester (amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston) ;

To fix the salary of the justice of the police court of Lee ;

To establish the salary of the assistant attorney-general ;

Relating to small-pox and other contagious diseases, and for the re-imbursement of expenses incurred in relation thereto (amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston) ;

To incorporate the Grand Temple of Honor and Temperance in Massachusetts ;

In addition to an act to supply the village of Attleborough with water for the extinguishing of fires, and for other purposes ;

To incorporate the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Fall River ;

Concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company ;

To incorporate the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society in the city of Lowell ;

In addition to an act incorporating the Boston Gas-Light Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolves :

For the payment of a sewer assessment on the property of the state lunatic hospital in the city of Worcester ;

In favor of Elizabeth Martindale ;

In favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-minded Youth ;

In favor of Willard E. Slade (amended as proposed by the committee on Finance) ;

In favor of Susan W. Holton ;

In favor of discharged female prisoners ;

In favor of Jane Parks ;

In favor of Sarah M. Tuttle ; and

In favor of the city of Lawrence ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To incorporate the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in Massachusetts ;

To authorize the town of Barre to raise and appropriate money for the celebration of its centennial anniversary ;

To change the time for the commissioners of Cedar Grove Cemetery to make their annual report ; and

To fix the salary of the treasurer of the county of Dukes County ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation to hold stock in steamboat companies ; and

Concerning the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments was read and considered. The House rejected amendments offered by Mr. Kimball of Boston, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in addition to an act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes, was read and considered. The amendment proposed by the committee on the Judiciary, striking out the words "written consent," in the first section, and inserting the word "permission," was adopted.

Mr. Crocker of Boston offered an amendment, which was adopted.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday. Pending which motion the House, at 1.45, P. M.,

Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 9, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Tyler of Lowell, the remonstrance of D. Holt and others of Lowell, against any alteration of the liquor law. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law. Liquor law.

By the same gentleman, the petition of Sarah A. Bulmer for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims. Sarah A. Bulmer.

By Mr. Wilson of Boston, the remonstrances of Mrs. Angeletta Richardson and 67 mothers and daughters of Sturbridge, of Mrs. Elizabeth M. G. Dwight and 42 mothers and daughters of Hadley, and of Mrs. Harriet E. Tuttle and 7 mothers and daughters of Ware; by Mr. Buxton of Boston, the remonstrances of M. S. Richardson and 12 citizens of Sturbridge, of E. S. Dwight and 20 citizens of Hadley, and of W. G. Tuttle and 14 citizens of Ware,—all against an amendment to the constitution authorizing woman suffrage. Women suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Clark of Wilbraham, the petition of the selectmen of Wilbraham and 144 others, in favor of putting that town under the jurisdiction of the police court of Springfield. Wilbraham.

By Mr. Woods of Boylston, the remonstrances of James W. Fitch and others of Sterling, and of Thomas Harlow and others of West Boylston; and by Mr. Hurlbut of Bolton, the remonstrance of Reuben Newton and 41 others of Bolton, against a division of Worcester County. Worcester County.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of William Baker and 98 others, legal voters of Lunenburg, in favor of forming a new county. New county.

By the same gentleman, the petition of George C. Winchester and 110 others, citizens of Ashburnham, in aid of the petition of T. K. Ware and others, for a new county. Do.

By Mr. Loud of Winchendon, the remonstrance of E. Murdock and 228 others, legal voters of the town of Winchendon; and by Mr. Sawin of Gardner, the remonstrance of Samuel Bent and 370 others of Gardner, against being included in the new judicial district petitioned for Do.

by Charles Field and others; and the remonstrances of John W. Works and 279 others of Templeton, and of Henry Heywood and 536 others of Gardner, against a division of Worcester County, and a new registry of deeds, located at Fitchburg.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham,—

Two sessions a day.

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to ascertain and report at what time the House should begin to hold two daily sessions, except on Mondays and Saturdays.

The Speaker appointed the following named members as the committee:—Messrs. Sprague of Framingham, Robinson of Chicopee, Palmer of Boston, Fairbanks of Fall River, and Bigelow of Boston.

Papers from the Senate.

Hell Gate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Federal Relations consider what legislation, if any, should be taken by this Commonwealth to protect her citizens against the injustice practised upon them by the constructive toll which they are compelled to pay for the privilege of passing through Hell Gate.

Death of Millard Fillmore.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee of three on the part of the Senate be appointed, with such as the House of Representatives may join, to consider and report what notice should be taken by the legislature, of the death of Millard Fillmore, 13th president of the United States.

The Speaker joined the following named gentlemen on the part of the House:—Messrs. Lincoln of Boston, Dickinson of Amherst, Smith of Cambridge, Buffum of Lynn, Wilson of Boston, Sleeper of Malden, Buxton of Boston, and Bosworth of Taunton.

Mortgages.

The petition of George R. Spurr and 452 others, residents of Worcester, for a law giving at least one year to redeem mortgages, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Revision of the Usury Laws.

Labor Bureau.

The fifth annual report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Labor Question.

The reports :

Of the committees on the Treasury and Finance, upon State securities. the order relative to examining the securities in charge of the treasurer of the Commonwealth, stating that they find the state securities to agree with the printed report of the treasurer for the year 1873 ;

Of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, Falmouth—eels. on the petition of Abisha Phinney and others, for a law restricting the time of taking or catching eels in the waters of Falmouth ; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Jophanus H. Smith and others of Edgartown, for authority to control the waters of the Oyster Pond in Edgartown for a fishery ; Edgartown—oyster fishery.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The report of the committee on Railways, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of the selectmen of North Adams, that the state build a railroad bridge over South Adams Street in North Adams, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, was accepted in concurrence. Railroad bridge in North Adams.

The House bill to incorporate the Prince Society, came down from the Senate with several amendments, which were concurred in. Prince Society.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the trustees of Nichols Academy, reported a bill to authorize the trustees of Nichols Academy to mortgage real estate. Nichols Academy.

Mr. Lucas of Carver, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on the petition of W. H. Lounesbury and others, reported a bill concerning Malden Bridge. Malden Bridge.

Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, from the committee on County Estimates, to whom were referred the estimates of the several counties, reported a resolve granting county taxes. County taxes.

These bills and resolves were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Frost of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, to whom was referred the annual report of the inspectors of State prison watchmen.

the State Prison, reported a bill providing for an increase in the number of assistant-watchmen in the State Prison.

Prison for
female convicts.

Mr. Tyler of North Brookfield, from the same committee, to whom were referred the petitions for a reformatory prison for female convicts, reported a bill to establish a reformatory prison for female convicts.

These bills were read and referred, in course, to the committee on Finance.

Reprinting
of bills and
resolves.

Mr. Morss of Newburyport, from the committee on Printing, made a report recommending that the order relative to providing that amended bills or resolves shall be reprinted before advanced another stage, be referred to the joint committee on Printing.

District court
for Essex
County.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, who were ordered to consider the expediency of establishing a district court in Essex County, to include the city of Newburyport, and the towns of Salisbury, Amesbury, West Newbury, Newbury and Rowley, reported inexpedient to legislate.

These reports were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Smelt fisheries.

On motion of Mr. Howes of Dennis, the vote by which the Senate bill in addition to acts in relation to smelt fisheries was rejected on Saturday, was reconsidered, and on motion of the same gentleman, the bill was recommitted to the committee on the Fisheries.

Loans.

The order offered Saturday by Mr. Shaw of Boston and laid over, directing the committee on the Judiciary to consider the expediency of extending the provisions of chapter 274 of the acts of 1872, to the negotiation of loans, was adopted.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

Bills :

To authorize towns to raise money to celebrate certain anniversaries (amended on motion of Mr. Mason of Boston) ;

To authorize the Salem Hospital to hold additional estate ; and

In addition to an act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out a public street or way across South Bay ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Relating to the returns of savings banks ;

To fix the salary of the justice of the police court of Lee ;

To incorporate the Grand Temple of Honor and Temperance in Massachusetts ;

In addition to an act to supply the village of Attleborough with water for the extinguishing of fires, and for other purposes ;

To incorporate the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Fall River ;

Concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company ;

To incorporate the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society in the city of Lowell ;

To repeal section 3 of chapter 155 of the year 1873, in relation to borrowing money from sinking funds [a motion to lay this bill on the table made by Mr. Moore of Concord was lost] ;

To incorporate the Cambridge Improvement Company ;

To establish the salary of the assistant-attorney-general ;

Relating to small-pox and other contagious diseases, and for the reimbursement of expenses incurred in relation thereto ; and

Providing for the preservation of lobsters ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to amend chapter 201 of the acts of 1872, to establish the second district court of southern Worcester, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolves :

In favor of Elizabeth Martindale ;

In favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-minded Youth ;

In favor of discharged female prisoners ; and

In favor of Jane Parks ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolves :

In favor of William E. Slade ;

In favor of Susan W. Holton ; and

In favor of the city of Lawrence ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolve for the payment of a sewer assessment on the property of the state lunatic hospital in the city of

Worcester, was recommitted to the committee on Finance, in accordance with the report of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, presented by Mr. Crocker of Boston, recommending such recommitment on account of the mutilation of the resolve.

The bill relating to the return of the names of persons between the ages of five and fifteen years, was, on motion of Mr. Sanger of Danvers, recommitted to the committee on Education.

The bill in addition to an act incorporating the Boston Gas-Light Company, was read and considered. Mr. Kimball of Boston moved to amend by inserting a new section in place of section 3, but subsequently withdrew the amendment, and on his motion the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to the expediency of amending the laws concerning the election of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor, was considered. After debate, the bill proposed by Mr. Clark of Wilbraham as a substitute, was rejected, and the report was accepted.

The bill to prevent the taking of tame doves by snares, traps or otherwise, was read and debated. An amendment proposed by Mr. Loud of Winchendon was adopted. The bill as amended was then rejected.

The bill to amend some of the rules of practice in the supreme and superior courts, was read and debated. Pending its consideration the House at 5.30

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 10, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Field of Leominster, the petition of Abijah C. Green and 56 others, citizens of Lunenburg and Leominster, in regard to the exemption of church property from taxation. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Taxation of
mortgaged
property.

By Mr. Billings of Sharon, the remonstrance of the selectmen of Sharon, in behalf of said town, against a change being made in the boundary line between the towns of Sharon and Walpole. Referred to the committee on Towns. Sharon and Walpole boundary line.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, the petition of James T. Hewes and 60 others, to establish a separate prison for female convicts. Referred to the committee on Prisons. Prison for female convicts.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Noyes of North Bridgewater, the remonstrance of Isaac N. Nutter and 30 others of East Bridgewater, against the establishment of district courts in Plymouth County. District courts for Plymouth County.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of Andrew Whitney and 86 others of Fitchburg, in aid of the petition of T. K. Ware and others, for a new county. New county.

By Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg, the petitions of Jacob Haskell and 48 others; George D. Colony and 38 others; Edwin Upton and 41 others; A. B. Sherman and 57 others; and of A. A. Simons and 51 others, citizens of Fitchburg,—all in favor of a new county. Do.

By Mr. Boutwell of Andover, the remonstrance of John H. Flint, chairman of the board of selectmen and 200 other citizens of Andover, against including Andover with Lawrence and other towns in a judicial district. Andover.

By Mr. Loud of Winchendon, the remonstrance of Wilbur F. Whitney and 51 other voters of the town of Ashburnham, against the division of Worcester County, and the establishment of a registry of deeds in northern Worcester County. Division of Worcester County.

By Mr. Loud of Winchendon, the remonstrance of J. H. Fairbanks and 382 others of Winchendon; by Mr. Boynton of Westborough, the remonstrance of J. A. Fairweather and others; by Mr. Hall of Upton, the remonstrance of Horace Furbush and 168 others of Upton; by Mr. Sawin of Gardner, the remonstrance of H. G. Whitney and 141 others of Westminster; and by Mr. Rice of Barre, the remonstrances of Jason Gorham and others of Barre, and of Lyman Woodward and others of Hubbardston,—all against a division of Worcester County. Do.

These papers were severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

Mr. Buxton of Boston offered the following order, which was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Printing :—

Vienna Exposition.

Ordered, That one thousand extra copies of the reports of the Commissioners to the Vienna Exposition be printed, under the direction of the Clerk of the House, for the use of the members thereof.

Transportation of milk.

On motion of Mr. Moore of Concord,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on Railways, to whom has been referred the fifth annual report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, specially consider so much of said report as relates to the transportation of milk (page 119 of said report), and whether any further legislation is necessary, and report by bill or otherwise.

Muskets.

On motion of Mr. Fiske of Needham,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of adopting the hook-band for stacking muskets.

Income tax.

On motion of Mr. Murray of Pittsfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on Just and Equal Taxation inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 354 of the acts of 1873, in relation to taxation of incomes.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Judge of probate for Bristol County.

On motion of Mr. Savage of Taunton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery inquire into the expediency of increasing the salary of the judge of probate and insolvency of Bristol County.

Invalided convicts.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Finance consider the expediency of amending chapter 169 of the acts of 1864, in relation to invalided discharged convicts.

Papers from the Senate.

Nuisance in Cambridge.

The bill to amend an act for the abatement of a nuisance in the city of Cambridge, and for the preservation of the public health in said city, came down with certain Senate amendments, which were referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

To dissolve the Maple Street Congregational Society in Danvers ; and Maple Street Congregational Society.

To authorize Henry F. Thomas and Joseph Bradford to extend their wharf in Fall River ; Henry F. Thomas and Joseph Bradford.

Passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

A communication from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, concerning the amount of costs and fees paid or incurred in prosecutions conducted by the state police, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the State Police. State police.

A message from the Governor, transmitting a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to submarine sites for light-houses, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors. Light-houses.

Resolutions concerning the death of Millard Fillmore, reported by the joint special committee on that subject, and passed by the Senate, were sent down for concurrence. The resolutions were read and unanimously passed in concurrence by a rising vote. The resolutions were as follows :— Millard Fillmore.

Resolved, That the legislature of Massachusetts receives, with profound sensibility and regret, information of the death of Millard Fillmore, the thirteenth president of the United States.

Resolved, That as representatives of the people of the state, we deem it to be our duty to express, in their name, their regard for the various important public services, in the humblest as in the most exalted official positions, which distinguished his official life ; and to mark with appropriate honors the purity of his character, the integrity of his administration, his firm adherence to his convictions of duty and the calm Christian dignity that attended the close of his earthly career, which entitle him to the affectionate remembrance of the American people, and an honorable place in the long line of their illustrious public servants.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing resolutions to the family of the late President Fillmore, and to the senators and representatives of Massachusetts in the congress of the United States.

Judge of probate for Hampden.

A bill to establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate for the county of Hampden, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was referred under the rule to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Reports of Committees.

State history.

Mr. Taft of Uxbridge, from the committee on the Library, on the petition of C. H. Spring and others, relative to a state history, reported leave to withdraw.

Massachusetts reports.

Mr. Robinson of Newton, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the order relative to securing a more prompt publication of the Massachusetts reports, reported inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Steam-whistles.

Mr. Loring of Duxbury, from the committee on Manufactures, to whom was referred the petition of G. Winthrop Coffin and others, that authority be given to town and city governments to prohibit the use of steam-whistles, reported leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Samuel Knowles.

Mr. Little of Westport, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the bill to authorize Samuel Knowles to build a wharf in Provincetown, reported that it ought not to pass. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

Witnesses.

Mr. Pratt of Grafton, from the committee on Prisons, on an order relative to better protection of witnesses in criminal cases, asked to be discharged from its further consideration and recommended that it be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The report was accepted, and the order was so referred.

Conveyances by trustees.

Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the bill to confirm certain conveyances by certain trustees, reported that it ought to pass.

Light-houses.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to cede jurisdiction to the United States over the sites of certain light-houses, reported that it ought to pass.

These bills were placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Allen Street Congregational Society.

Mr. Howard of West Bridgewater, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was referred

the petition on that subject, reported a bill to change the name of the Allen Street Congregational Society of North Cambridge. Read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston, the vote by which the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the bill to incorporate the Cambridge Improvement Company, was reconsidered, and, on his motion, the bill was amended, and was then again passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wright of Great Barrington, the vote was reconsidered whereby the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to the expediency of amending the laws concerning the election of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor, was accepted. On motion of the same gentleman, the vote was also reconsidered whereby the bill proposed by Mr. Clark of Wilbraham as a substitute for the report, was rejected, and the bill was then substituted for the report, and read and ordered to a second reading.

Engrossed bills :

Concerning embezzlement by receivers and other officers appointed by courts of record ;

To establish the salary of the clerk of the police court in Fitchburg ;

Concerning the salary of clerks of the courts for the several counties ;

Concerning the breaking and entering of railroad cars ;

To prevent the desertion of crews of vessels ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To incorporate the American Association for the Advancement of Science ;

To authorize the Mill Owners' Mutual Fire Insurance Company to extend its business, and for other purposes ;

To authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Weston and Needham ;

To authorize the Emigrant Savings Bank to hold additional real estate ; and

To incorporate the Massachusetts Anglers' Association ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves :

To furnish certain books to the town of Medway ;

In favor of William H. Hammond ;

In favor of Clarissa Adams ;

In favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton ; and

In favor of Benjamin F. Sweetser ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the expediency of establishing a district court in Essex County, to include the city of Newburyport, and the towns of Salisbury, Amesbury, West Newbury, Newbury and Rowley ; and

Of the committee on Printing, recommending that the order relative to providing that amended bills or resolves shall be reprinted before being advanced another stage, be referred to the joint committee on Printing ;

Were severally accepted, and the latter sent up for concurrence.

The reports :

Of the committees on the Treasury and Finance, upon the order relative to examining the condition of securities in charge of the treasurer of the Commonwealth ;

Of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Abisha Phinney and others, for a law restricting the time of taking or catching eels in the waters of Falmouth ; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Jophanus H. Smith and others of Edgartown, for authority to control the waters of the Oyster Pond in Edgartown for a fishery ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bill to authorize the trustees of Nichols Academy to mortgage real estate ; and the

Resolve granting county taxes ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning Malden Bridge was read, and on motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston, postponed for further consideration to-morrow, and a bill proposed by him as a substitute therefor, was ordered to be printed.

Bills :

To authorize towns to raise money to celebrate certain anniversaries ;

To authorize the Salem Hospital to hold additional estate ; and

In addition to an act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out a public street or way across South Bay (amended on motion of Mr. Connell of Boston) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in addition to an act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes, was read and its title amended, on motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, so as to read "an act to protect the rights of owners of ponds." The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in House amendments.

The bill in addition to an act incorporating the Boston Gas-Light Company was read, and amended on motion of Mr. Clark of Boston, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The bill to amend some of the rules of practice in the supreme and superior courts was amended, on motions made by Mr. Clark of Boston, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in favor of Sarah M. Tuttle was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

At 4.40 the House
Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 11, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Eldridge of Conway, the remonstrance of Seth B. Crafts and 136 others of Whately, against the petition of A. W. Stevens and others, for a free bridge over Connecticut River. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Free Bridge
over Connecti-
cut River.

By Mr. Shaw of Springfield, the petition of George E. Page and 31 others of Springfield, in reference to the tax- Taxation of
mortgaged
property.

ation of mortgaged property. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Ninth Regiment.

By Mr. Dacey of Boston, the petition of John M. Tobin, for the reimbursement of money paid for Co. E, 9th Regiment, M. V. M., on account of taxes, water taxes and rent. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad.

By Mr. Shaw of Springfield, the remonstrance of Henry Fuller, Jr., and 55 others of Springfield, against the petition concerning the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad.

Boston and Albany Railroad.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Natick, the vote of the town of Natick, instructing their representatives to advocate and vote for the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the State.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

B. J. Berry.

By Mr. Sweeney of Boston, the petition of George H. Plummer and 122 others; by Mr. Morton of Boston, the petition of Albert Bowker, Nathaniel Seaver and 160 others, of East Boston; by Mr. Cummings of Somerville, the petition of the selectmen and 31 others of Revere; and by Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea, the petition of the mayor and city counsel of Chelsea,—all in aid of the petition of B. J. Berry and others for a water act. Severally referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

New county.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of Walter Hayward and 94 others, citizens of Fitchburg, in aid of the petition of T. K. Ware and others, for a new county.

Do.

By Mr. Wellington of Worcester, the remonstrances of the town of Athol, of F. F. Fay and 159 others, citizens of Athol, and of John D. Washburn and others; by Mr. Rice of Barre, the remonstrances of Charles A. Gleason and others of New Braintree, and of Cephas Willard and others of Petersham; by Mr. Taft of Uxbridge, the remonstrances of George W. Hobbs and 34 others of Uxbridge, and Horace Hobbs and 42 others of Auburn; by Mr. Haynes of Berlin, the remonstrances of William Bassett and 74 other citizens of Berlin, and of Lucius Field and 36 other citizens of Clinton; and by Mr. Smith of Rutland, the remonstrance of D. H. Gregory and 71 others of Princeton,—all against a division of Worcester County.

Plymouth County.

By Mr. Cushing of Hingham, the remonstrance of Henry Siders and 171 others, citizens of Hingham, against the division of Plymouth County into judicial districts.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A communication was received from the Deputy Tax Commissioner, in compliance with an order of the House, transmitting a statement of non-taxable property held for religious, charitable or other purposes in the several cities and towns of the State. On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, it was referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, and ordered to be printed.

Taxation of
religious and
other property.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of changing the law in regard to the location of school-houses in towns where the district system still prevails.

School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Cushing of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of the Commonwealth joining in the proposed Agassiz Memorial Fund, so as to insure the perpetuation of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy to all future time.

Agassiz Memo-
rial Fund.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Dickinson of Amherst, offered the following order :

Ordered, That 1,500 extra copies of the report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railways be printed for the use of members of the General Court.

Report on
Hoosac Tunnel.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the rule requiring the order to be referred to the committee on Printing was suspended, and the order was adopted, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of changing the times and places for holding the probate courts in the county of Essex.

Probate courts
of Essex
County.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

To amend section 28, chapter 384 of the acts of 1869, in relation to catching trout.

Trout.

To incorporate the Father Mathew Catholic Temperance Society in the city of Lawrence ;

Father Mathew
Temperance
Society.

To prohibit fishing in any reservoirs, ponds and streams used by the city of Worcester, for a supply of pure water ;

Worcester—
fishing.

To provide for a public park in the city of Somerville ; and

Somerville—
public park.

Education in
Turkey.

To incorporate the trustees of donations for education in Turkey ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

Sales by
guardians.

A bill to amend section 38, chapter 102 of the General Statutes, relating to the sales of land by guardians; passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was referred under the rule to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Manufacturing
corporations.

A bill to amend the act relating to manufacturing corporations, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Manufactures.

Mercantile
Library Asso-
ciation.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Mercantile Library Association, introduced on leave in the Senate and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, was referred to the next general court in non-concurrence, under the 20th joint rule.

Savings bank
in Blackstone.

The petition of F. W. Taft and others, in aid of the petition of Daniel Simons and others, asking that a savings bank be established in Blackstone, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Revere—sup-
port of Salem
turnpike.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Revere, for relief from a portion of the expense of maintaining the Salem turnpike, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reports of Committees.

Central district
court of
Worcester.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to provide for the appointment of an assistant clerk of the Central District Court of Worcester, reported the same in a new draft. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

William Cun-
ningham.

Mr. Bassett of Easthampton, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Maria Cunningham, in behalf of William Cunningham, a minor, for compensation for injuries received while in the employ of the Commonwealth, reported leave to withdraw. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Worcester and
Nashua Rail-
road.

Mr. Williams of Brookline, from the committee on Railways, reported a bill concerning the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company.

First Congrega-
tional Society of
Blandford.

Mr. Hallett of Chatham, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported a bill to incorporate the First Religious or Congregational Society of Blandford.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation to hold stock in steamboat companies ; Bills passed.

To regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments ; and

Concerning the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to securing a more prompt publication of the Massachusetts reports, was accepted. Orders of the day.

The reports :

Of the committee on Manufactures, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of G. Winthrop Coffin and others, that authority be given to town and city governments to prohibit the use of steam-whistles ; and

Of the committee on the Library, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of C. H. Spring and others, relative to a state history ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To cede jurisdiction to the United States over the sites of certain light-houses ;

To change the name of the Allen Street Congregational Society of North Cambridge ;

To dissolve the Maple Street Congregational Society in Danvers ;

To authorize Henry F. Thomas and Joseph Bradford to extend their wharf in Fall River ; and

To confirm certain conveyances by certain trustees ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize Samuel Knowles to build a wharf in Provincetown was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Harbors.

The bill to authorize the trustees of Nichols Academy to mortgage real estate, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill concerning Malden Bridge was further considered. After debate, Mr. Shaw of Boston withdrew the

bill proposed by him as a substitute, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill providing for the election of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor, was read, and pending its consideration, on motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield, who announced the alarming and probably fatal illness of Hon. Charles Sumner, a senator from Massachusetts, the House at 3.10

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 12, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Rice of Barre, the remonstrances of Mrs. William B. Bond and other ladies, and of W. B. Bond and others of New Braintree, against an amendment to the constitution authorizing female suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Free bridge at Turner's Falls.

By Mr. Mayhew of Charlemont, the remonstrance of V. M. Porter and 87 others of Rowe, against the petition of A. W. Stevens and others, for a free bridge at Turner's Falls. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Union depot at Fitchburg.

By Mr. Haynes of Berlin, the remonstrance of Abraham W. Seaver and 44 others of Northborough; and by Mr. Fiske of Needham, the remonstrance of George Cummings and 69 others of Medfield, against the petition of Thomas C. Caldwell and others, for the repeal of the act providing for a union depot at Fitchburg. Referred to the committee on Railways.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

S. C. Spellman et als.

By Mr. Clark of Wilbraham, the petition of S. C. Spellman and 127 others of Wilbraham, that that town may be placed under the jurisdiction of the police court of Springfield.

Division of Worcester County.

By Mr. Hodges of Oxford, the remonstrances of Moses Barnes, Jr., and other citizens of Dudley, and of Alfred W. Long and other citizens of Oxford; by Mr. Reade of Milford, the remonstrance of John G. Metcalf and 51 others of Mendon; by Mr. Smith of Rutland, the remon-

strance of Moses O. Ayres and others of Oakham ; and by Mr. Sibley of Auburn, the remonstrance of Rufus B. Dodge and others of Charlton,—all against a division of Worcester County.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Slade of Somerset,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 195, acts of 1870, that the same may apply to the shell-fish of the waters of Mount Hope Bay and its tributaries. Shell-fish in Mount Hope Bay.

The Speaker appointed the following named gentlemen as members of the joint special committee on the reports of the commissioners to the Vienna Exposition :—

Messrs. Hale of Boston, Osgood of Salem, Stearns of Boston, Williams of Douglas, Eldridge of Conway, Connell of Boston, Wright of Great Barrington and Lay of West Newbury. Committee on Vienna Commissioners' Reports.

Sent up to be joined.

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petition of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association for authority to erect a building for an exhibition of the mechanic arts, reported a bill to authorize the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association to erect a wooden building in the city of Boston. Read and ordered to a second reading. Mass. Charitable Mechanic Association.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill to establish the first district court of Essex County, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary. First district court of Essex County.

The following order, adopted by the Senate and sent down for concurrence, was, on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, laid on the table :—

Ordered, That the joint committee on Railways be allowed further time after the 22d day of March, in which to make final report upon the matters previously referred to them. Committee on Railways.

A message was received from the Senate, transmitting a communication from His Excellency the Governor, an- Charles Sumner.

nouncing the death of the Hon. Charles Sumner, senior Senator of Massachusetts in the congress of the United States, as follows :—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, March 12, 1874.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :

It becomes my painful duty to announce to you the death of our senior member in the United States Senate. Yesterday afternoon, at ten minutes before three o'clock, in his own rooms at Washington, at the age of sixty-three years, CHARLES SUMNER departed this life.

Eighteen years ago he was struck down at his place in the vanguard of freedom, and from that terrible wound, nigh unto death, he never fully recovered, though he struggled against its effects with all the forces of his nature, and was aided by the best efforts of medical science. But he had regained such a measure of health and strength, that of late his intimate friends and associates were encouraged to hope he might be spared to us for some years longer. The shock of his death comes upon us suddenly, and when least expected. The last enemy of man has finally triumphed, and our great orator, scholar, statesman, philanthropist,—the champion of universal freedom and the equal rights of man,—after a life of labor and usefulness, has fallen under the burden of disease long and heroically borne.

Of him, as much as of any man of his time, it may be said, that he lived not for himself or his kindred. A special representative of this State, his Commonwealth was the whole country. For years one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the United States, he was recognized by the civilized world as one of the foremost advocates of struggling humanity. Thus acknowledged at home and abroad, his death will be deeply and sincerely mourned, not alone by his State and this nation, but by every people and country reaching out for a higher and freer life.

Twenty-three years ago this spring he was elected to the United States Senate, and at the time of his death he was the senior member of that body in length of consecutive service. His devotion to the duties of his place was an example worthy of general commendation. He rarely allowed personal considerations of

any kind to interfere with his public obligations. Had he not been blessed with an iron constitution he must long ago have succumbed to the weight of his labors. Devoted to many phases of one comprehensive cause, the advancement of man; throwing himself with great energy and power into whatever work he undertook,—it was given him to see a noble triumph of that for which he aspired and wrought. Thousands and thousands of men and women find the way of life easier and brighter because of him, and in almost every town and village of the country, there will be praises of honor to his name.

During his long period of service some mistakes he doubtless made, for despite his great learning and intellectual grasp he somewhat lacked the every-day wisdom frequently given to those much his inferiors. But this was in no sense to his discredit as a man. His aims were high, his purposes were pure. His voice was that of an honest man, his endeavors were those of an upright statesman. His moral integrity stands out as a sublime figure in these later years. While the atmosphere around him was foul with corruption, no stain of suspicion ever fell upon him. However other public servants prostituted their positions for selfish ends, we all felt sure that CHARLES SUMNER would not be smirched by any disclosures or investigations. This single fact alone is enough to crown him with glory.

Gentlemen, you must have unspeakable satisfaction at this hour in your recent action on the matter relative to the army register and national battle-flags. It was communicated to Mr. Sumner while he was in the full possession of all his faculties, and we may well believe that he rejoiced in this vindication by the constituents whom he had so long and so faithfully served. I thank you for giving me the pleasure of transmitting to him, by the hands of one whom he honored, a representative of those for whom he had so heroically struggled, this fresh token of the regard in which he was held by the people of this Commonwealth.

It was his desire, often expressed, that he might fall, when fall he must, while at the post of duty. His wishes in this respect were gratified. The day before his death he was at the Senate Chamber attending to official business as our agent and servant; and one of

his last utterances, when in the very arms of death, was, to an intimate friend, to take care of the civil rights bill, the passage of which he had much at heart. Thus he went out from among us, with his last moment of consciousness still pleading, as he so often and so eloquently plead through many years of vigorous manhood, for the down-trodden and oppressed.

The great Senator has fallen, and we shall see him no more on earth. Being dead he yet speaketh—by the hopes he inspired, the works he accomplished and the recollection of his virtues. In a few days his mortal remains will be laid away in the grave. Be it ours to guard most tenderly the memory he hath left to us, and approve ourselves the fit constituents of CHARLES SUMNER.

W. B. WASHBURN.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the message of His Excellency the Governor, communicating the melancholy intelligence of the sudden death of Hon. Charles Sumner, senior senator of Massachusetts in the congress of the United States, be referred to a special committee of five members of the Senate, with such members as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, with instructions to consider and report what measures it may be expedient and proper to adopt as a recognition of the important services of the late distinguished senator, and a public acknowledgment of the grateful esteem in which his memory and character are held by the people of this Commonwealth.

Messrs. Banks, Norcross, Washburn, Hawes and Lathrop having been appointed on the part of the Senate, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Smith of Cambridge, Codman of Boston, Kimball of Boston, Adams of Quincy, Dickinson of Amherst, Noble of Westfield, Phillips of Springfield, Buffum of Lynn, Blunt of Haverhill, Slade of Somerset, Cummings of Woburn and Estabrook of Worcester, on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the House at 2.45 Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 13, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Noble of Westfield, the petition of B. W. Harris of East Bridgewater, in reference to the taxation of mortgaged property. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation. Taxation of mortgaged property.

By Mr. Moors of Greenfield, the remonstrance of S. A. Field and 95 others of Northfield, against the petition of A. W. Stevens and others, for a free bridge at Turner's Falls. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Bridge at Turner's Falls.

By Mr. Gay of Chelmsford, the remonstrance of George Lee and 19 others, citizens of Tewksbury, against the annexation of a part of that town to Lowell. Referred to the committee on Towns. Annexation of Tewksbury to Lowell.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Pratt of Grafton, the remonstrance of Thomas Rice and 85 others of Shrewsbury; and by Mr. Hurlbut of Bolton, the remonstrance of W. F. Sawyer and 62 others of Harvard, against a division of Worcester County. New county.

By Mr. Shaw of Middleborough, the remonstrance of Everett Robinson and 18 others, citizens of Middleborough, against a division of Plymouth County into judicial districts. Plymouth County.

By Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg, the petition of H. O. Putnam and others, citizens of Fitchburg, for a new county, to be called Lincoln. New county.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Catherine Harvey, reported a resolve in her favor, which was referred in course to the committee on Finance. Catherine Harvey.

Mr. Rice of Barre, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petitions of Horatio Smith and others, John Brown and others, and of M. G. Smith and others, of Lawrence, for state and municipal insurance, reported leave to withdraw. State and municipal insurance.

Dollar Mutual
Aid Society.

Mr. Slade of Somerset, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the petition of Henry C. Wilder and others, that they may be incorporated as the Dollar Mutual Aid Society of Marlborough, reported leave to withdraw.

I. O. of
Grangers.

Mr. Bailey of Georgetown, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of John B. Bartlett and others, for act of incorporation for the Independent Order of Grangers, reported leave to withdraw.

Immigrants.

Mr. Knight of Boston, from the same committee, who were instructed to consider the expediency of furnishing information to immigrants as to the advantages of landing in Massachusetts, reported inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Sale of hoops.

Mr. Hull of Stockbridge, from the same committee, who were instructed to consider the expediency of further legislation with regard to the inspection or sale of hogshead hoops, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Newburyport
Five Cents Sav-
ings Bank.

Mr. Tyler of Lowell, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the petition of the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank, for a change of name, reported leave to withdraw.

Savings banks.

Mr. Banister of Worcester, from the same committee, who were instructed to consider the expediency of amending the laws relating to savings banks, so that more than one of the active officers of a savings bank may be a member of the board of investment, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Allowance to
widows.

Mr. Robinson of Newton, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, who were instructed to consider the expediency of giving notice in cases of allowance to widows, reported inexpedient to legislate.

First Parish,
Roxbury.

Mr. Howard of West Bridgewater, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was referred the petition of the First Parish of West Roxbury, for an act to aid said parish to tax its pews to meet current expenses, reported leave to withdraw.

Adaline T.
Whittier.

Mr. Gates of Groton, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Adaline T. Whittier for state aid, reported leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

First Congrega-
tional Society of
Falmouth.

Mr. Smith of Rutland, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was referred the bill to

amend an act to enable the First Congregational Society in the town of Falmouth to dispose of certain real estate, reported that it ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Monday.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, to whom was referred the petition of the city of Newton, reported a bill to supply the city of Newton with water. Newton—
water supply.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the city of Boston, reported a bill to authorize the city of Boston to improve Stony Brook and its tributaries. Boston—
Stony Brook.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Elisha P. Hollis, reported a resolve to confirm and make valid the deed made by the administrator of the estate of Joel Pierce, deceased. Joel Pierce.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the same committee, on the petition of William Coggsell, mayor of Salem, reported a bill in addition to an act establishing the city of Salem. Salem.

Mr. Ginnodo of Attleborough, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of the selectmen of North Bridgewater and various other petitions, reported a bill to authorize the town of North Bridgewater to change its name. North Bridge-
water.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Rich of Royalston, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the bill to amend an act relating to a public common in the town of Mattapoisett, reported that it ought to pass, and it was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Monday. Mattapoisett—
public common.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of Susan W. Holton ; and

In favor of the city of Lawrence ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the Prince Society (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

Resolutions on the Death of Charles Sumner.

Charles Sumner.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, chairman of the committee on the part of the House appointed for that purpose, reported the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the legislature of Massachusetts receives the sad intelligence communicated by his excellency the governor, of the sudden death of the Honorable Charles Sumner, senior senator of Massachusetts, in the congress of the United States, with emotions of profound and abiding grief.

Resolved, That in this sudden calamity, Massachusetts mourns the loss of an inestimable public servant, whose separate qualities are sometimes found in individual citizens, but rarely united in one man. His industry was tireless, and his fidelity unlimited. In the prosecution of those great measures, to which he gave his support, his energy, constancy and courage were unconquerable. In his contests for the supremacy of the principles upon which he had staked the hazard of his life, he was unmoved by assault and insensible to fear. Against the allurements of power and of corruption in every form, he stood a tower of adamant. At every crisis in public affairs his bearing was that of one, who, confident as to his own duty, was considerate of the rights of others. His extraordinary acquisitions as a scholar made him eminent among able men in every department of learning. He was an accomplished legist and jurist, and as an orator unsurpassed by any man of his time. The vigor of his intellect, his great experience and capacity, his philanthropic spirit, his ardent patriotism, his irrepressible love of liberty, his limitless devotion to the rights of man, gave to all classes of the people, to all sections of the country, and to the world at large, a permanent interest in the prolongation of his labors and his life.

Resolved, That deploring the public loss, it is yet a consolation that the people of the Commonwealth share in the triumphs, resulting, in great part, from the labors of their illustrious senator, to which, in the agony of death, he gave his last and noblest thoughts, and which culminated in the destruction of an odious and sectional system of chattel slavery ; in the enfranchisement of four million slaves ; in their political and social elevation,—and the incorporation of the sublime doctrines of the Declaration

of American Independence into the text and body of the Constitution of the Republic.

Resolved, That in the galaxy of her illustrious children, whose colonial, revolutionary, constitutional and military services, shed an undying lustre upon her name, Massachusetts has no worthier son.

Mr. Phillips moved the adoption of the resolutions, which were supported also by Messrs. Codman of Boston, Sanger of Danvers, Smith of Cambridge, Hale of Boston, Fitzgerald of Boston, and Palmer of Boston.

The resolutions were unanimously passed by a rising vote.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee of three on the part of the Senate and five on the part of the House be appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the reception of the body of Senator Sumner, and for the funeral obsequies in this Commonwealth, which shall be held in the Doric Hall on Monday, the 16th instant, at 3 o'clock P. M., and that the committee be authorized to provide appropriate drapery for the hall on the occasion, and also to extend an invitation to the city government of Boston to be present on the occasion.

Messrs. Stickney, Bacon and Merrill having been appointed by the Senate, the Speaker joined Messrs. Perkins of Boston, Buffum of Lynn, Slade of Somerset, Crocker of Boston, and Estabrook of Worcester on the part of the House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House, be appointed to take suitable measures to provide for the delivery of an oration before the executive and legislative branches of this Commonwealth upon the life, character and public services of Charles Sumner by such person and at such time and place as may seem to them appropriate.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Smith of Cambridge, Phillips of Salem, and Phillips of Springfield on the part of the House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee of three on the part of the Senate and five on the part of the House be appointed to meet the body of Senator Sumner at the boundary line of the Commonwealth.

Messrs. Hayes, Jacobs and Wardwell having been ap-

pointed on the part of the Senate, the Speaker joined Messrs, Codman of Boston, Adams of Quincy, Noble of Westfield, Blunt of Haverhill, and Cummings of Woburn, on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, it was voted that when the House adjourns it be to meet at 2 o'clock P. M., Monday.

At 3.40 P. M. the House adjourned.

MONDAY, March 16, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Charles Sumner. After announcement of the arrangements for the funeral procession had been made, the House, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, adjourned, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Hon. Charles Sumner.

TUESDAY, March 17, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The following communication, which had been transmitted to the Speaker by the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Iowa, was read:—

Charles Sumner. At a session of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, held March 12th, 1874, the following among other proceedings were had.

Mr. Wood of Clay offered the following:—

Whereas, the lightning has flashed over the land the sad intelligence that Hon. Charles Sumner, United States Senator from Massachusetts, expired at Washington on the 11th inst. ; and

Whereas, in the death of Charles Sumner the country has lost one of its most distinguished and able statesmen, a statesman whose name and fame is commensurate with civilization and is honored wherever the sound of liberty and freedom has been heard, a man whose breadth of sympathy for the down-trodden and oppressed was largely

instrumental in the liberation of an oppressed race ; therefore

Resolved, That this House has heard with profound regret of the death of the distinguished Senator of Massachusetts, and as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, and as expressive of our sympathy for our sister Commonwealth, the House do now adjourn.

After remarks by Messrs. Wood, Bolter and Rogers, the resolution was unanimously adopted and the House adjourned.

(Signed)

JOHN H. GEAR,

Speaker of the House.

On the motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, it was ordered that the above resolution be entered on the records of this House, and that the Speaker be requested to make suitable acknowledgments for the same in behalf of the House.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Boise of Blandford, the petition of F. G. Wright and 70 others of Chester, in aid of the petition of Samuel Horton and others, relative to the taxation of mortgaged property. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation. Taxation of mortgaged property.

By Mr. Studley of Boston, the remonstrance of John C. Warren and 101 others ; and by Mr. Cummings of Somerville, the remonstrance of David A. Sanborn and 59 others, citizens of Somerville, against the annexation of that city to Boston. Severally referred to the committee on Towns. Annexation of Somerville to Boston.

By Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the petition of Sylvanus Waldron and 35 other legal voters of Dukes County, relative to the passage of an act in addition to acts concerning the smelt fishery. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Smelt fisheries.

By Mr. Sprague of Framingham, remonstrances of S. F. Twichell and 39 others, of Alexander R. Esty and 47 others, of Framingham ; and by Mr. Lewis of Walpole, the remonstrance of Henry S. Clarke and 24 others of South Walpole, against the repeal of the act providing for a union depot, etc., at Fitchburg. By Mr. Cole of Cheshire, the vote of the town of Cheshire, asking that the State may purchase the Boston and Albany Railroad. Union depot at Fitchburg.
Boston and Albany R. R.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petitions of S. B. Grant and others, school committee of Fitchburg, and of E. A. Superintendents of schools.

Hubbard and others, citizens of Fitchburg, that superintendents of schools may be elected by the school committees of cities. Referred to the committee on Education.

B. J. Berry et
als.

By Mr. Seaver of Boston, the petition of S. G. Beale and 33 others of East Boston, in favor of the petition of B. J. Berry and others, to be incorporated as a water company. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Bridge at
Turner's Falls.

By Mr. Jones of Deerfield, the remonstrance of George E. Williams and 215 others of Deerfield; by Mr. Montague of Sunderland, the remonstrances of J. C. Holston and 69 others of Leverett, of William W. Hunt and 118 others of Erving, and of W. W. Putnam and 34 others of Wendell; and by Mr. Eldridge of Conway, the remonstrances of Hiram Woodward and 227 others of Orange, of William O. Bassett and 39 others of Hawley, of W. H. Beaman and 68 others of New Salem, and of Asa G. Wait and 192 others of Ashfield,—all against the petition of A. W. Stevens and others for a free bridge at Turner's Falls. Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Dukes County
commissioners.

By Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the remonstrance of C. F. Dunham and 62 other legal voters of Edgartown, against any change or amendment to the law relative to special commissioners in Dukes County.

Division of
Worcester
County.

By Mr. Butterworth of Brookfield, the remonstrance of C. B. Carpenter and 54 others of Brookfield; and by Mr. Orcutt of Hardwick, the remonstrances of Charles P. Aiken and 27 others of Hardwick, and of Cyrus Johnson and 33 others of Dana,—all against a division of Worcester County.

Andover—
criminal busi-
ness.

By Mr. Boutwell of Andover, the remonstrance of W. H. W. Woodlin and 28 others of Andover, against uniting Andover with Lawrence, North Andover and Methuen, under a municipal court.

North Andover.

By Mr. Parker of Methuen, the remonstrance of the selectmen and 70 others, citizens of North Andover, against including that town in a judicial district with other towns.

New county.

By Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg, the petition of F. H. Colburn and others of Fitchburg, in favor of a new county, to be called "Lincoln."

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Parker of Methuen, a bill regulating the responsibility of agents of insurance companies. Referred to the committee on Insurance. Insurance agents.

Mr. Montague of Sunderland offered the following order :—

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges be instructed to examine and report whether any further legislation is necessary to carry out the intent of section 4 of chapter 431 of the acts of 1869, relative to making Sunderland Bridge free. Sunderland Bridge.

The Speaker ruled that the order came within the provisions of the 20th joint rule, and was therefore referred to the next General Court. Mr. Montague then moved a suspension of the rule. The rule was suspended, the order was adopted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Robinson of Newton, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order on the subject, reported a resolve in favor of the widow of James M. Bunker; which was referred in course to the committee on Finance. Mrs. Jas. M. Bunker.

Mr. Hallett of Chatham, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was referred the petition of E. E. Bradshaw and others, that the Harvard Chapel Corporation may have authority to sell real estate and other property without restriction, reported leave to withdraw. Harvard Chapel.

Mr. Cole of Cheshire, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the petition of Wendell Phillips and others, for the appointment of female physicians in public charitable or penal institutions where women are confined, to treat and care for female patients, reported leave to withdraw. Female physicians.

Mr. Parker of Methuen, from the committee on Insurance, who were instructed to consider the expediency of amending chapter 170, laws of 1861, defining what persons shall be deemed to be agents of insurance companies, reported inexpedient to legislate. Insurance agents.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed to consider the expediency of passing a law for the more adequate punishment of defaulters and robbers, reported inexpedient to legislate. Punishment of defaulters.

Newbury—
school district.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of James Noyes and others, that school district No. 2, of Newbury, be authorized to raise money for certain purposes, reported leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mortgages of
personal prop-
erty.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill in relation to recording mortgages of personal property, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Depositions.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill in relation to taking depositions to perpetuate testimony, reported that it ought to pass in a new draft.

Real estate.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill to amend chapter 128 of the General Statutes, concerning attachments of real estate, reported that it ought to pass in a new draft.

Rockland Bank.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of James Taylor, reported a bill to revive the Rockland Bank of Roxbury, for certain purposes.

Treasurers of
fire districts.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on an order relative to providing for the election of treasurers of fire districts, reported a bill providing for the election of treasurers of fire districts, and to amend chapter 24 of the General Statutes.

Amherst—pro-
bate court.

Mr. Keith of Abington, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order on the subject, reported a bill to provide for holding additional terms of the probate court at Amherst, in the county of Hampshire.

Old Men's
Home.

Mr. Hull of Stockbridge, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Chapin and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Old Men's Home, in the city of Worcester.

Risks of insur-
ance companies.

Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the Insurance Commissioner's Report, reported a bill to prevent mutual life insurance companies from re-insuring their risks.

Liability of
insurance com-
panies.

Mr. Parker of Methuen, from the same committee, to whom was referred the same report, reported a bill to determine the manner of computing the liability of fire-

marine, or fire and marine insurance companies, relative to re-insurance fund.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to certain amendments to the constitution of Massachusetts, reported, for a majority of the committee, a resolve to amend the constitution. Constitution.

These bills and resolves were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 304 of the acts of 1870, concerning the preservation of birds, birds' eggs and deer (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, Orders of the day. inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to giving notice in cases of allowance to widows, was accepted.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Revere, for relief from a portion of the expense of maintaining the Salem turnpike, was accepted in concurrence.

The reports :

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on the petition of Maria Cunningham, in behalf of William Cunningham, a minor, for compensation for injuries received while in the employ of the Commonwealth ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw on the petition of Adaline T. Whittier ;

Of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, leave to withdraw on the petition of the First Parish of West Roxbury, for an act to enable said parish to tax its pews to meet current expenses ;

Of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw on the petitions of Horatio Smith and others, John Brown and others, and of M. G. Smith and others of Lawrence, for state and municipal insurance ;

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, leave to withdraw on the petition of Henry C. Wilder and others, that they may be incorporated as the Dollar Mutual Aid Society of Marlborough ;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on the petition of John B. Bartlett and others, for an act of incorporation for the Independent Order of Grangers ;

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to furnishing information to immigrants as to the advantages of landing in Massachusetts ;

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to further legislation with regard to the inspection or sale of hogshead hoops ;

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw on the petition of the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank, for a change of name ; and

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of amending the laws relating to savings banks, so that more than one of the active officers of a savings bank may be a member of the board of investment ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Concerning the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company ;

To incorporate the First Religious or Congregational Society of Blandford ;

To incorporate the Father Mathew Catholic Temperance Benefit Society in the city of Lawrence ;

To prohibit fishing in any reservoirs, ponds and streams taken by the city of Worcester for a supply of pure water ;

To provide for a public park in the city of Somerville ;

To authorize the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association to erect a wooden building in the city of Boston ;

To amend an act to enable the First Congregational Society in Falmouth to dispose of certain real estate ;

To authorize the city of Boston to improve Stony Brook and its tributaries ;

In addition to an act establishing the city of Salem ;

To amend an act relating to a public common in the town of Mattapoissett ;

To supply the city of Newton with water ; and a

Resolve to confirm and make valid the deed made by the administrator of the estate of Joel Pierce, deceased ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend section 28, chapter 384 of the acts of 1869, in relation to catching trout, was read and amended on motions made by Mr. Murray of Pittsfield and Mr.

Robinson of Chicopee, and as amended was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To dissolve the Maple Street Congregational Society in Danvers ; and

To authorize Henry F. Thomas and Joseph Bradford to extend their wharf in Fall River ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

To change the name of the Allen Street Congregational Society of North Cambridge ;

To confirm certain conveyances by certain trustees ;

Concerning Malden Bridge ; and

To cede jurisdiction to the United States over the sites of certain light-houses ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve granting county taxes was read and considered, and on motion of Mr. Johnson of Lowell, it was laid on the table.

The bill providing for the election of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor in towns, was further debated. Amendments proposed by Messrs. Noble of Westfield, Adams of Quincy and Boynton of Westborough, were adopted. The bill, as amended, was then rejected.

The bill to incorporate the trustees of donations for education in Turkey, was read and debated. Mr. Robinson of Chicopee moved to amend the bill, so as to provide that no part of the property of said corporation, located within this state, should be exempt from taxation. Pending the consideration of the amendment, the House at 5.10

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 18, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Annexation of
Somerville to
Boston.

By Mr. Robinson of Newton, the remonstrance of S. W. Fuller and 50 others, citizens of Somerville, against the annexation of Somerville to Boston.

• Annexation of
Cambridge to
Boston.

By Mr. Davis of Cambridge, the petition of P. B. Hovey and 30 others, for the annexation of Cambridge to Boston.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Just and equal
taxation.

By Mr. Savage of Taunton, the petition of John H. Eddy and 74 others of Taunton; by Mr. Smith of Cambridge, the petition of J. C. Waters and 51 others of Millbury; and by Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, the petition of E. P. Nightingale and 341 others of Boston,—all for just and equal taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Superintendent
of schools.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petition of members of the school committee of Salem, for the amendment of section 35 of chapter 38 of the General Statutes, regulating the office of superintendent of schools.

Do.

By Mr. Smith of Cambridge, the petition of James H. Collins and others of Cambridge, in aid of the petition of the Cambridge school committee.

Severally referred to the committee on Education.

B. J. Berry et
als.

By Mr. Lovering of Lynn, the petition of William H. Lounsbury and 41 others of Everett; and by Mr. Seaver of Boston, the petition of George E. Morrill and 543 others of East Boston, in aid of the petition of B. J. Berry to be incorporated as a water company. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Milford—superior and
supreme courts.

By Mr. Reade of Milford, the petition of J. B. Cross and others of Milford, for the holding of stated terms of the superior and supreme courts in Milford.

Worcester
County.

By Mr. Pratt of Grafton, the remonstrance of George H. Harlow and 92 others of Shrewsbury, against a division of Worcester County.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, the petition of Franklin Saunders and 42 others, citizens of Methuen, asking for the establishment of a district court in northern Essex, including Methuen under its jurisdiction. District court
for northern
Essex.

By the same gentleman, the petition of Milton Bonney Do. and 140 others, merchants of Lawrence, asking for the establishment of a district court in northern Essex.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield presented the petition of J. C. West, president, and A. B. Root, secretary, to revive and extend the charter of the Berkshire Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and moved its reference to the committee on Insurance. Berkshire
Mutual Fire
Ins. Co.

Mr. Manny of Winchester presented the petition of the selectmen of Winchester for the confirmation of the title to certain land conveyed by said town, and moved its reference to the committee on the Judiciary. Winchester.

The Speaker ruled that both these papers came within the provisions of the 20th joint rule, and were referred to the next General Court.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield in the first case, and of Mr. Cummings of Woburn in the second, the rule was suspended, the petitions were received and sent to the Senate for concurrence in the suspension of the rule.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Lowell,—

Ordered, That a special committee be appointed, consisting of the present committee on County Estimates, with an addition of one member from each county, to investigate the county appropriations asked for, and ascertain whether a reduction can be made consistent with public interest, and if any legislation is necessary in county matters. County
estimates.

On motion of Mr. Bassett of Easthampton,—

Ordered, That the committee on matters of Probate and Chancery inquire into the expediency of legalizing the acts of the register of probate for Hampshire County, so far as they may appear to be illegal, for the reason that the oaths required by law were not seasonably taken by said officer, and report by bill or otherwise. Register of
probate for
Hampshire
County.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the town of Westfield for a flag station near Main Street; and the Westfield flag
station.

Union depot at
Fitchburg.

Remonstrances of Lorenzo Barker and 125 others of Fitchburg, Edmund Dowse and 40 others of Shelburne, Otis Seabury and 60 others of New Bedford, Charles L. Fairbanks and 55 others of Fitchburg, William D. Peck and 38 others of Sterling, and H. N. Bigelow and 141 others of Clinton,—all against the repeal of the act providing for a union depot, etc., at Fitchburg, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Bridge at
Turner's Falls.

The remonstrances of James A. Moore and 152 others of Leverett, C. W. Delva and 104 others of Warwick, J. G. Reed and 111 others of Shutesbury, Cyrus Chamberlain and 76 others of New Salem,—all against the petition of A. W. Stevens and others for a free bridge at Turner's Falls, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Sales of rail-
road stock.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways inquire and report, by bill or otherwise, the expediency of amending section 2 of chapter 392 of the acts of 1871, so that sales of stock mentioned in said chapter may be made at public auction in any city where the railroad issuing said stock may be located.

Reports of Committees.

Mass. Char-
itable Eye and
Ear Infirmary.

Mr. Lincoln of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the petition of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary for aid, reported a resolve in favor of that institution.

Flats, etc., on
East Harbor
Creek.

Mr. Endicott of Dedham, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of William Holden and others, reported a resolve in relation to the flats, meadows and beaches on East Harbor Creek in Provincetown and Truro.

Mary L. Tar-
box.

Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of George W. Tarbox, reported a resolve in favor of Mary L. Tarbox.

Nehemiah C.
Furnald.

Mr. Bassett of Easthampton, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Nehemiah C. Furnald for state aid, reported a resolve in his favor.

These resolves were severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Haverhill
police court.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to the expediency of en-

larging the jurisdiction of the police court of Haverhill, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Mr. Tarr of Gloucester, from the committee on Insurance, on an order relating to mutual fire insurance companies in cases where different companies issue policies upon the same property, reported inexpedient to legislate. Insurance policies.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to allowing the clerk of the courts for Hampden County additional compensation, reported a bill authorizing the clerk of the courts in the county of Hampden to draw pay for clerk hire from the county treasury. Clerk of Hampden County courts.

Mr. Johnson of Lowell, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the Railroad Commissioners' report, reported in part a bill to extend the equity powers of the supreme judicial court. Supreme judicial court.

Mr. Robinson of Newton, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Senate bill to change the time of holding probate courts in Hampden County, reported that it ought to pass in a new draft. Probate courts of Hampden County.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The reports :

Of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, leave to withdraw on the petition of E. E. Bradshaw and others, that the Harvard Chapel Corporation may have authority to sell real estate and other property without restriction ; Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, leave to withdraw on the petition of Wendell Phillips and others, for the appointment of female physicians in public charitable or penal institutions, where women are confined, to treat and care for female patients ; and

Of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 170, laws of 1861, defining what persons shall be deemed to be agents of insurance companies ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the ex-

pediency of passing a law for the more adequate punishment of defaulters and robbers ; and

Leave to withdraw on the petition of James Noyes and others, that school district No. 2, of Newbury, be authorized to raise money for certain purposes ;

Were severally accepted.

Bills :

To authorize the town of North Bridgewater to change its name ;

In relation to taking depositions to perpetuate testimony ;

To amend chapter 123 of the General Statutes, concerning attachments of real estate ;

To provide for holding additional terms of the probate court at Amherst, in the county of Hampshire (amended on motion of Mr. Keith of Abington) ;

Relating to recording mortgages of personal property (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary) ;

To incorporate the Old Men's Home, in the the city of Worcester (amended on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston) ;

To revive the Rockland Bank of Roxbury, for certain purposes ;

To determine the manner of computing the liability of fire-marine, or fire and marine insurance companies, relative to re-insurance fund ; and

Providing for the election of treasurers of fire districts, and to amend chapter 24 of the General Statutes ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to prevent mutual life insurance companies from re-insuring their risks, was read and debated.

Amendments proposed by Messrs. Loring of Fitchburg and Kimball of Boston were adopted. Mr. Knox of Lawrence moved to recommit the bill to the committee, but the motion was lost, and the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Concerning the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company ;

To authorize the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association to erect a wooden building in the city of Boston ;

To amend an act to enable the First Congregational Society in the town of Falmouth to dispose of certain real estate ;

To amend an act relating to a public common in the town of Mattapoisett ; and a

Resolve to confirm a deed made by the administrator of the estate of Joel Pierce, deceased ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To incorporate the Father Mathew Catholic Temperance Benefit Society in the city of Lawrence ; and

To prohibit fishing in any reservoirs, ponds and streams taken by the city of Worcester, for a supply of pure water ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Trustees of Donations for Education in Turkey, was further debated.

Mr. Adams of Quincy moved to recommit the bill to the committee with instructions, but the motion was cut off by the previous question, which was ordered, on motion of Mr. Shattuck of Boston. The amendment proposed by Mr. Robinson of Chicopee was adopted, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The resolve to amend the constitution was read and debated.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy the resolve was amended, and after debate, was rejected.

At 6.10 the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 19, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Robinson of Newton, the petition of the city of Somerville. Somerville for an amendment of its charter. Referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the petition of the select-men of Tisbury, for reimbursing said town for the sup- Tisbury.

port of state paupers. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Taxation.

By Mr. Boutwell of Andover, the petition of John H. Flint and 100 others, for just and equal taxation.

Free bridge at
Turner's Falls.

By Mr. Eldridge of Conway, the remonstrance of E. D. Hamilton and 97 others of Conway; by Mr. Mayhew of Charlemont, the remonstrance of Frederic Forbes and 130 others of Buckland, and of N. S. Cutler and 120 others of Bernardston; by Mr. Jones of Deerfield, the remonstrances of Samuel P. Stratton and 115 others of Gill, of D. O. Fiske and 120 others of Shelburne, of H. W. Payne and 247 others of Greenfield, and of Washington Keyes and 345 others of Montague,—all against the petition of A. W. Stevens and others for a free bridge at Turner's Falls.

Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Somerville—
public park.

By Mr. Robinson of Newton, the remonstrances of Columbus Tyler and 27 others, and of John Dugan and others, against the passage of the act relating to a public park in Somerville without submitting the same to a vote of the voters of Somerville. Severally ordered to be placed on file with the bill referred to.

New county.

By Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg, the petition of R. L. Thurston and others, citizens of Fitchburg, in favor of a new county, to be called Lincoln.

Do.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of Daniel Boyle and 39 others, citizens of Fitchburg, in aid of the petition of T. K. Ware, for a new county.

Milford courts.

By Mr. Reade of Milford, the petition of Frank L. Young and others of Milford, for the holding of stated terms of the superior and supreme courts in Milford.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

First Parish in
Berlin.

Mr. Haynes of Berlin presented the petition of Silas Sawyer and 17 others, members and legal voters of the First Parish in Berlin, for authority to sell a certain piece of land.

The Speaker ruled that the petition was referred to the next general court, under the 20th joint rule.

On motion of Mr. Haynes the rule was suspended, and the petition was received and sent up to the Senate for concurrence in suspension of the rule.

Introduced on Leave.

Mr. Wilson of Boston asked leave to introduce a bill to amend an act establishing the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation, and moved the suspension of the 20th joint rule, that it might be received. The bill was read, the rule having been suspended, and sent to the Senate for concurrence in suspension of the rule.

Jamaica Pond
Aqueduct Cor-
poration.

Mr. Phillips of Salem asked leave to introduce a bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad to confirm its bonds already issued and for other purposes, and moved a suspension of the 20th joint rule.

Eastern Rail-
road.

The motion prevailed, the bill was read, and sent to the Senate for concurrence in suspension of the rule.

Mr. Jenkins of Rockland asked leave to introduce a resolve to furnish certain documents and standard weights and measures to the town of Rockland. Read, leave granted, and the resolve referred to the committee on Finance.

Rockland.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to procure silver badges, bearing the arms of the state, to be worn by the doorkeepers and messengers employed about the State House when on duty.

Badges for
doorkeepers,
messengers, &c.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Ordered, That on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of March instant, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, the House proceed to vote for a person to represent the State in the Senate of the United States in place of Charles Sumner, deceased; in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress "to regulate the times and manner of holding elections for senators in Congress."

United States
senator.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the two branches of the legislature assemble in joint convention on Wednesday, the twenty-fifth day of March instant, at noon, for the purpose of comparing the journals of the two houses, and performing all acts and things necessary and proper to be in joint convention performed in relation to the election of a person to represent the State in the Senate of the United States in place of Charles Sumner, deceased; in accordance with

Do.

the provisions of the act of Congress, "to regulate the times and manner of holding elections for senator in Congress."

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston,—

Stock of corporations.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider and report upon the expediency of amending chapter 32 of the General Statutes, so as to provide for a capital stock divided into shares, for holding a larger amount of real and personal estate, for a proper method of organization, for suitable taxation for the organization of companies with a capital stock of a par value of \$25 per share, for extending its application, and in such other respects as may enable persons to incorporate themselves under said statute.

Papers from the Senate.

Boundary line of Brookline.

The petition of H. M. Whitney and others, in aid of the petition of James Greenough and others, for a change of boundary between Brookline, Boston and Brighton, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

French and National Union.

A bill to incorporate the French and National Union of Lawrence, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

Mystic River Corporation.

Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the last annual report of the Commissioner of the Mystic River Corporation, reported that no legislation is necessary thereon.

Pilot laws.

Mr. Knight of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of C. Lovell and others, for modification of the pilot laws, asked to be discharged, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Pilotage at Salem and Beverly.

Mr. Hull of Stockbridge, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petitions of Joseph Perkins and others, C. E. and B. H. Fabens and others, and remonstrances against the same, for a change in the pilotage regulations of the ports of Salem and Beverly, reported leave to withdraw.

Truant officers.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the school committee of Cambridge, for an amendment of the law relating to truant officers, reported leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to law terms of the superior court in the several counties, reported a bill to constitute the superior court a court of law for certain purposes. Superior court.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Newton, reported a bill in addition to an act to establish the city of Newton. Newton.

Mr. Bishop of Newton, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of Onslow Stearns and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Old Colony Steamboat Company. Old Colony Steamboat Company.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill relating to husbands and wives, and for the protection of minor children, reported that it ought to pass, and it was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow. Husbands and wives.

The Speaker appointed, in addition to the present members of the committee on County Estimates, the following named gentlemen as members of the special committee on County Appropriations :— County estimates.

Messrs. Robinson of Sandwich, Murray of Pittsfield, Parker of New Bedford, Mayhew of Tisbury, Currier of Newburyport, Jones of Deerfield, Clark of Wilbraham, Bassett of Easthampton, Johnson of Lowell, McCleave of Nantucket, Endicott of Dedham, Jenkins of Abington, Morton of Boston, and Hall of Upton.

The resolve granting county taxes was, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, taken from the table, and referred to the above committee.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize Henry F. Thomas and Joseph Bradford to extend their wharf in Fall River ; Bills passed.

To protect the rights of owners of ponds ;

To dissolve the Maple Street Congregational Society in Danvers ;

In addition to an act incorporating the Boston Gas-Light Company ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;) and

To authorize the town of Lexington to raise money for a centennial celebration ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of enlarging the jurisdiction of the police court of Haverhill, was accepted.

The report of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate on the order relating to mutual fire-insurance companies in cases where different companies issue policies upon the same property, was, on motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston, recommitted to that committee.

Bills :

Authorizing the clerk of the courts in the county of Hampden to draw pay for clerk hire from the county treasury ;

To change the time of holding probate courts in Hampden County (amended on motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton) ; and

To extend the equity powers of the supreme judicial court ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the town of North Bridgewater to change its name ;

In relation to taking depositions to perpetuate testimony (amended on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston) ;

To supply the city of Newton with water ;

To amend the law in regard to attachments of real estate (title amended on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston) ;

To provide for holding additional terms of the probate court at Amherst, in the county of Hampshire ;

To revive the Rockland Bank of Roxbury, for certain purposes ;

To incorporate the Old Men's Home, in the city of Worcester ;

To determine the manner of computing the liability of fire-marine, or fire and marine, insurance companies, relative to re-insurance fund (amended on motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield) ;

Providing for the election of treasurers of fire districts, and to amend chapter 24 of the General Statutes ; and

To regulate the re-insuring of risks by life insurance companies (this being a new title proposed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The bill relating to recording mortgages of personal property was read, amended on motion of Mr. Bishop of Newton, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The bill to incorporate the Trustees of Donations for Education in Turkey, was read, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in a House amendment.

The bill to incorporate the First Religious or Congregational Society of Blandford was read, and its title amended in accordance with the report of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, by striking out the words "or Congregational." The bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to amend section 28, chapter 384 of the acts of 1869, in relation to catching trout, was, in accordance with the report of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, recommitted to the committee on Fisheries, it being incorrectly drawn.

The bill to provide for a public park in the city of Somerville, was read and debated. Mr. Robinson of Newton, proposed to amend by inserting a new section in place of section 6, providing that the act should be submitted to the voters of Somerville for acceptance, but the amendment was rejected. The bill was then passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the city of Boston to improve Stony Brook and its tributaries was, on motion of Mr. Wilson of Boston, recommitted to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

The bill in addition to an act establishing the city of Salem was read, amended on motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned at 4.45.

FRIDAY, March 20, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*Bridge at
Turner's Falls.

By Mr. Montague of Sunderland, petitions of Francis Park and others of Deerfield; of A. Ferry and others of Bernardston; and of Leonard P. Frost and others of Montague;

By Mr. Eldredge of Conway, the petition of S. C. Phillips and others of Gill;

All in aid of the petition of A. W. Stevens and others for a free bridge at Turner's Falls.

Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence.

Superintendents
of schools.

By Mr. Bishop of Newton, the petition of John Worcester and members of the school committee of Newton, in relation to the office of superintendent of public schools. Referred to the committee on Education and sent up for concurrence.

*Orders.*Committee
reports.

On motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham,—

Ordered, That the several standing and special committees of this House have until the first day of April next within which to report upon the several matters which have been committed to them.

Divorce.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing that any party to a suit in which a divorce nisi, or a divorce from bed and board, has been decreed, may apply to the supreme judicial court to have a decree from the bonds of matrimony entered between the parties, with terms respecting alimony and custody of children.

Cemeteries.

On motion of Mr. Mason of Plymouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending chapter 28 of the General Statutes concerning "cemeteries and burials," that cemetery corporations may be authorized to receive and hold

funds in trust for the care and improvement of cemeteries and lots therein.

On motion of Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the propriety of the passage of an act defining the authority of the assistant-clerks of the several courts in the Commonwealth. Assistant-clerks of courts.

On motion of Mr. Orcutt of Cummington,—

Ordered, That the committee on Towns inquire whether any legislation is necessary to legalize the election of moderator and town officers, at the town meetings in the several towns in this Commonwealth the present year, so far as the same may appear illegal, for the reason that the check-list was not used in said election. Election of town officers.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham,—

Ordered, That the several joint standing and special committees have until the first day of April next within which to report upon the matters respectively referred to them. Committee reports.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint committee on Rules be and hereby is instructed to consider and report what amendments, if any, are expedient or necessary to the joint rules of the two Houses, in regard to the presentation of orders, bills on leave or other papers, by members of the Senate and House of Representatives. Introduction of bills, &c.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Just and Equal Taxation have further time in which to report upon the matters referred to them. Committee on taxation.

The reports :

Of the committee on Prisons, no legislation necessary on the message from the governor, transmitting a report of the number of pardons granted during the year 1873 ; Pardons.

Of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw on the petition of Bradford Weston and others, in relation to killing black ducks and teal ; and Ducks.

Of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw on the petition of L. S. Jordan and others, for an act of in- Atlas Insurance Guarantee Co.

corporation under the name of the Atlas Insurance Guarantee Company ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

Mechanics' Savings Bank.

To incorporate the Mechanics' Savings Bank in Boston ;
and

Bass River Savings Bank.

To incorporate the Bass River Savings Bank ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills :

Manufacturing corporations.

In addition to an act concerning manufacturing and other corporations ; and .

Witnesses.

In addition to an act concerning witnesses in criminal prosecutions in other States ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Winchester.

The petition of the selectmen of Winchester to perfect the title to land sold by said town ;

Eastern Railroad.

And the bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to confirm its bonds already issued, and for other purposes, came down with the concurrence of the Senate in the suspension of the 20th joint rule.

The former was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the rule requiring the latter to be referred to a committee was suspended, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for its second reading to-morrow.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To amend an act to incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company ;

To change the name of the corporation known as the Trustees of the Wesleyan Church in Duxbury ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To confirm certain conveyances by certain trustees ;

To amend chapter 201 of the acts of 1872, to establish the second district court of southern Worcester ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve in favor of Willard E. Slade Resolve passed. (which originated in the Senate), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Davis of Ware, from the committee on Probate and Wills. Chancery, on an order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 164 of the acts of 1861, relative to widows waiving the provisions of wills, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to establishing a district court in District court in North-west Worcester. North-west Worcester, and certain petitions and remonstrances in relation thereto, reported inexpedient to legislate, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, on Highways. an order relative to the apportionment of expense incurred by alteration of highways and town ways to avoid grade crossings of railroads, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Mr. Gates of Groton, from the committee on Claims, to Thomas Timothy. whom was referred the petition of Thomas Timothy for state aid, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. Smalley of Harwich, from the same committee, to Priscilla Freeman. whom was referred the petition of Priscilla Freeman for compensation for a certain part of the fishery in Tisbury Great Pond, reported leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Taxation of mortgaged real estate. Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of W. F. Sawyer and others for a law regulating the taxation of mortgaged real estate, asked to be discharged from further consideration of the same, it having been referred to them by mistake, and moved its reference to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation. The report was accepted.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, Invalid convicts. to whom was referred an order concerning invalided convicts, reported a bill in relation to discharged convicts.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on Railways, Station facilities at Attleborough. on the petition of the Boston and Providence and Taunton Branch Railroad Corporations, reported a bill to provide for increased station facilities at Attleborough.

Mr. Robinson of Falmouth, from the committee on Menauhant Land Co. Harbors, on the petition of the Menauhant Land and

Wharf Company, reported a bill to authorize said company to construct a wharf in Falmouth.

Bridge between
Boston and
Cambridge.

Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, from the same committee, on the petition of the mayor of Cambridge, reported a bill to authorize a new bridge between Boston and Cambridge.

Exeter and
Salisbury R. R.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of the Exeter and Salisbury Railroad Company, reported a bill to revive the charter of the Exeter and Salisbury Railway Company, and for other purposes.

Smelt fisheries.

Mr. Howes of Dennis, from the committee on the Fisheries, to whom was recommitted the bill in addition to acts in relation to smelt fisheries, reported the same in a new draft.

Chelsea bath-
houses.

Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of the mayor of Chelsea, reported a bill to authorize the city of Chelsea to maintain floating bath-houses.

Resignation of
trustees.

Mr. Robinson of Newton, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order relative to giving the probate court power to accept the resignation of trustees, reported a bill concerning the resignation of trustees.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taunton and
Somerville
police courts.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to establish the salaries of the justices and clerks of the municipal court of Taunton, and of the police court of Somerville, reported that it ought to pass.

Central district
court of Wor-
cester.

Mr. Loud of Winchendon, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to provide for the appointment of an assistant clerk of the central district court of Worcester, reported that it ought to pass.

Assistant dis-
trict attorney.

Mr. Jenkins of Abington, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to provide for the appointment of a second assistant district-attorney for Suffolk District, reported that it ought to pass.

State prison
watchmen.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill providing for an increase in the number of assistant-watchmen in the State Prison, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment.

These bills were severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Joseph
McEvoy.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Joseph

McEvoy, reported that it ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate resolve authorizing the payment of a sewer assessment on the property of the state lunatic hospital at Worcester, reported that it ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Lunatic hospital at Worcester.

Mr. Loud of Winchendon, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Mary L. Tarbox, reported that it ought to pass.

Mary L. Tarbox.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in relation to flats, meadows and beaches on East Harbor Creek, in Provincetown and Truro, reported that it ought to pass.

East Harbor Creek.

Mr. Loud of Winchendon, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of John McGrath, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment.

John McGrath.

Mr. Jenkins of Abington, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, reported that it ought to pass.

Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Catherine Harvey, reported that it ought to pass.

Catherine Harvey.

Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of the widow of James M. Bunker, reported that it ought to pass.

Mrs. Jas. M. Bunker.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Nehemiah C. Furnald, reported that it ought to pass.

Nehemiah C. Furnald.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Willie L. Payne, reported that it ought to pass.

Willie L. Payne.

These resolves were severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the school committee of Cambridge, for an amendment of the law relating to truant officers, was accepted.

Orders of the day.

The reports :

Of the committee on Harbors, no legislation necessary,

on the last annual report of the Commissioner of the Mystic River Corporation ;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of C. Lovell and others, for modification of the pilot laws, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Federal Relations ; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw on the petitions of Joseph Perkins and others, C. E. and B. H. Fabens and others, and remonstrances against the same, for a change in the pilotage regulations of the ports of Salem and Beverly ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To incorporate the French and National Union of Lawrence ;

In addition to an act to establish the city of Newton ;

Relating to the rights of husbands and wives, and for the protection of minor children ;

To incorporate the Old Colony Steamboat Company ; and

To constitute the superior court a court of law for certain purposes (amended on motion of Mr. Lamb of Greenfield) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Authorizing the clerk of courts in the county of Hampden to draw pay for clerk hire from the county treasury ;

To change the time of holding probate courts in Hampden County ;

To extend the equity powers of the supreme judicial court ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 21, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Liability of rail-
road companies
for merchan-
dise.

By Mr. Cummings of Woburn, the petition of Charles F. Parker and 78 others, shoe and leather dealers of Boston,

in favor of an act to render railroad corporations liable for merchandise. Referred to the committee on Railways.

By Mr. Lyons of Wales, the remonstrance of Josie Miller and 33 others, against woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Woman suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg, the petitions of J. R. Haskell and others, and J. J. Coleman and others, of Fitchburg, in favor of a new county. New county.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of D. B. Ordway and others, in aid of the petition of T. K. Ware, for a new county. Do.

By Mr. Keith of Abington, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, moved by him, the petition of Marcus Reed and others, selectmen of Abington, for the passage of an act authorizing the calling of an annual meeting in said town. Abington—town meeting.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary. The last petition was sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the 20th joint rule.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Natick, a resolve to furnish the town of Natick with a set of standard weights and measures. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance. Natick.

Orders.

Mr. Robinson of Newton, offered the following order, which was adopted under a suspension of the 20th joint rule:—

Ordered, That the joint committee on Water Supply and Drainage consider the expediency of amending the first section of chapter 304 of the statutes of 1873, so that the act may be adapted to secure the purposes of the act. Miller's River.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of further legislation in relation to the partition of lands by the probate court. Partition of lands by probate courts.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills:

Relating to county law library associations; and

Law library associations.

Married women. In relation to certain acts of married women ;
(Passed to be engrossed by the Senate ;)
Were read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

Useful fishes. To amend an act for the encouragement of useful fishes ;
and

Orange—water supply. To supply the town of Orange with pure water ;
(Passed to be engrossed by the Senate ;)
Were read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston—South Bay. The House bill in addition to an act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out a public street or way across South Bay, came down with a Senate amendment, in which the House concurred.

The following order, adopted by the Senate and sent down for concurrence, was, on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, laid on the table :—

Committee reports.

Ordered, That further time, until the 10th of April, be allowed to joint committees and committees of the Senate to report on matters referred to them.

Cashiers.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to prohibiting cashiers and treasurers from doing the business of a broker, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Reports of Committees.

Theodore C. Hurd.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Theodore C. Hurd, to establish the salary of the second assistant-clerk of the courts for Middlesex County, and to provide that the same may be paid out of the county treasury, reported leave to withdraw.

Treasurers of Middlesex and Worcester Counties.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Stone, treasurer of Middlesex County, and Charles A. Chase, treasurer of Worcester County, for an increase of their salary, reported leave to withdraw.

Elections.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the order relative to the expediency of passing a law prohibiting the transaction of town business at state or national elections, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of R. T. Paine, Jr., for a change in the building laws of the city of Boston, reported leave to withdraw. Boston building laws.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, on the order relative to the expediency of establishing a district court in central Hampshire, reported inexpedient to legislate. District court of Central Hampshire.]

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to amend some of the rules of procedure in the courts of this Commonwealth, reported that so much of the same as is not covered by their previous report be referred to the next General Court. Courts—rules of procedure.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of James F. Davenport and others of Fall River, reported a bill to amend chapter 265 of the acts of the year 1865, concerning the preservation of the records of town proprietaries. Town records.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, on an order on the subject, reported a bill relating to contracts with officers of cities. Contracts with city officers.

Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the petition of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company for leave to establish and support a ferry, reported a bill granting such authority. Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn R. R.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill in relation to the descent of property and to the rights of husbands and wives, reported it in a new draft. Husbands and wives.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Engrossed bills :

To incorporate the Father Mathew Catholic Temperance Benefit Society in the city of Lawrence ; Bills passed.

To prohibit fishing in any reservoirs, ponds and streams taken by the city of Worcester for a supply of pure water ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

To incorporate the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias in Massachusetts ;

Relating to returns of savings banks ;

To promote the prompt and faithful administration of estates by public administrators ;

To authorize the town of Barre to raise and appropriate money for the celebration of its centennial anniversary ;

In relation to the annual report of the commissioners of Cedar Grove Cemetery ; and

To authorize the Salem Hospital to hold additional estate ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to the apportionment of expense incurred by alteration of highways and town ways to avoid grade-crossings of railroads, was, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, laid on the table.

When the report of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to the expediency of establishing a district court in North-west Worcester, and leave to withdraw, on certain petitions and remonstrances relating thereto, was considered, Mr. Loud of Winchendon moved to amend by substituting therefor a bill to establish the district court of North-west Worcester. On his motion, the bill was ordered to be printed, and on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the further consideration of the report was postponed till Monday.

The reports of the committee on Claims :

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Thomas Timothy, for state aid ; and

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Priscilla Freeman, for compensation for a certain part of the fishery in Tisbury Great Pond ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The reports :

Of the committee on Prisons, no legislation necessary on the message from the governor, transmitting a report of the number of pardons granted during the year 1873 ;

Of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw on the petition of Bradford Weston and others, in relation to killing black ducks and teal ; and

Of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw on the petition of L. S. Jordan and others, for an act of incorporation under the name of the Atlas Insurance Guarantee Company ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 164 of the acts of 1861, relative to the waiving of the provisions of wills by widows, was, on motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford, recommitted to that committee.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Bass River Savings Bank, was, on motion of Mr. Howes of Dennis, recommitted to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Bills :

To incorporate the Mechanics' Savings Bank in Boston ;

To provide for increased station facilities at Attleborough ;

To authorize Menauhant Land and Wharf Company to construct a wharf in Falmouth ;

To authorize a new bridge between Boston and Cambridge ;

To revive the charter of the Exeter and Salisbury Railway Company, and for other purposes ;

To establish the salaries of the justices and clerks of the municipal court of Taunton, and of the police court of Somerville ;

To provide for the appointment of an assistant-clerk of the central district court of Worcester ;

In relation to discharged convicts ;

To provide for the appointment of a second assistant district-attorney for Suffolk District ;

In addition to acts in relation to smelt fisheries ;

Providing for an increase in the number of assistant-watchmen in the state prison (amended as recommended by the committee on Finance) ;

To authorize the city of Chelsea to maintain floating bath-houses ;

Concerning the resignation of trustees ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to confirm its bonds already issued, and for other purposes, was read and ordered to a third reading. Subsequently,

on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolves :

In favor of Joseph McEvoy ;

Authorizing the payment of a sewer assessment on the property of the state lunatic hospital at Worcester ;

In favor of Mary L. Tarbox ;

In relation to flats, meadows and beaches on East Harbor Creek, in Provincetown and Truro ;

In favor of John McGrath (amended as recommended by the committee on Finance) ;

In favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary ;

In favor of Catherine Harvey ;

In favor of the widow of James M. Bunker ;

In favor of Nehemiah C. Fernald ; and

In favor of Willie L. Payne ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To incorporate the Old Colony Steamboat Company ;

In addition to an act to establish the city of Newton ;
and

To constitute the superior court a court of law for certain purposes (amended on motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the French and National Union of Lawrence, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill relating to the rights of husbands and wives, and for the protection of minor children, was read.

Mr. Crocker of Boston, moved to amend in the 4th and 5th lines of section 1, by striking out the words "or when the wife is actually living apart from her husband." Mr. Robinson of Newton, moved to amend in the same section, by striking out in the 2d, 3d and 4th lines the words "or has deserted her, although such desertion has continued less than three years," and inserting after the word "wife" in the 4th line, the words "for justifiable cause."

Pending the consideration of the bill, the House

Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 23, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Field of Leominster, the petition of C. H. Mer- New county.
riam and 117 others of Leominster, for a division of
Worcester County.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of B. B. Mur- Do.
dock and others of Royalston, for a new county.

By Mr. Field of Leominster, the remonstrance of J. A.
Stratton and 168 others, against a division of Worcester
County.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A communication was received from the Deputy Tax Taxation of
Commissioner concerning the taxation of bank shares, bank shares.
which was referred to the committee on Just and Equal
Taxation. Sent up for concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Wilson of Boston, a bill to amend an act estab- Jamaica Pond
lishing the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation. Referred Aqueduct.
to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, the
Senate having concurred in the suspension of the 20th joint
rule. Sent up for concurrence in the reference.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, a resolve providing for the State prison.
erection of workshops and blacksmith shop at the state
prison. Read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Papers from the Senate.

A resolve in favor of Charles Burleigh, passed to be Charles Bur-
engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred in course leigh.
to the committee on Finance.

A bill concerning the Boston and West Roxbury Rail- Boston and
road Company, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was West Roxbury
read and ordered to a second reading. R. R.

A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 90 of the General Widows' dower.
Statutes, in relation to widows' dower, passed to be en-
grossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the
rule to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Mr. Shaw of Boston moved a reconsideration of the Boston—South
vote by which the House yesterday concurred in a Senate Bay.

amendment to the House bill in addition to an act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out a public street or way across South Bay. The motion prevailed. After debate, the House again voted to concur in the amendment; a motion by Mr. Shaw of Boston to postpone till to-morrow having been cut off by the previous question, which was ordered on motion of Mr. Wilson of Boston.

Reports of Committees.

Boston municipal courts.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the several bills to establish the municipal courts of South Boston, of the West Roxbury District and of the Western District; also the petition of the justice and clerk of the Charlestown District police court, and an order relative to expediting criminal business in Suffolk County, reported a bill relating to the municipal courts of the city of Boston.

Chelsea police court.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the same committee, on the petition of the selectmen and others of Revere, and of Hamlett Bates, justice of the Chelsea police court, reported a bill concerning the police court in Chelsea.

Springfield police courts.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the same committee, on an order relative to enlarging the judicial district of the Springfield police court, reported a bill to alter the judicial districts of the district court of Eastern Hampden and the police courts of Springfield.

These bills were severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Night-walkers.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom had been referred the petitions of William Wood and others, of G. H. Vibbert and others and of Kate A. Mead and others, for legislation concerning night-walkers, reported leave to withdraw.

Protection of ways and bridges.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of H. K. Thatcher and others, for an amendment of chapter 264, acts of 1868, being an act for the protection of public ways and bridges, reported leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Worcester lunatic hospital.

Mr. Lincoln of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, asked to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of the trustees of the

Worcester lunatic hospital for leave to sell the aqueduct supplying the institution, and moved that it be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to enable the owners of lands flowed under the mill acts to recover past damages, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

Lands flowed under the mill acts.

Mr. Cummings of Woburn, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of Galen Orr and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Needham Savings Bank.

Needham Savings Bank.

Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the bill to amend chapter 102 of the General Statutes, relating to sales of land by guardians, reported that it ought to pass in a new draft.

Sales by guardians.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to confirm its bonds already issued and for other purposes ;

Bills passed.

To incorporate the Grand Temple of Honor and Temperance in Massachusetts ;

To incorporate the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society in the city of Lawrence ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;) and

Concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Orders of the day.

Leave to withdraw on the petition of Theodore C. Hurd, to establish the salary of the second assistant-clerk of the courts for Middlesex County, and to provide that the same may be paid out of the county treasury ;

Inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of passing a law prohibiting the transaction of town business at state or national elections ;

Leave to withdraw on the petition of R. T. Paine, Jr., for a change in the building laws of the city of Boston ;

Inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of establishing a district court in central Hampshire ; and

Reference to the next General Court of so much of the bill to amend some of the rules of procedure in the courts of this Commonwealth, as is not covered by their previous report ;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of establishing a district court in North-west Worcester, and leave to withdraw on certain petitions and remonstrances relating thereto, was considered. After debate, the bill offered by Mr. Loud of Winchendon as a substitute for the report was rejected, and the report accepted.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to prohibiting cashiers and treasurers from doing the business of a broker, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To amend chapter 265 of the acts of the year 1865, concerning the preservation of the records of town proprietaries ;

To amend an act for the encouragement of useful fishes ; and

To supply the town of Orange with pure water ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To provide for increased station facilities at Attleborough ;

To authorize the Menauhant Land and Wharf Company to construct a wharf in Falmouth ;

To authorize a new bridge between Boston and Cambridge ;

To revive the charter of the Exeter and Salisbury Railway Company, and for other purposes ;

To establish the salaries of the justices and clerks of the municipal court of Taunton, and of the police court of Somerville ;

To provide for the appointment of an assistant-clerk of the Central District Court of Worcester ; and

Providing for an increase in the number of assistant-watchmen in the state prison (title amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston to read "employed at the state prison") ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Mechanics' Savings Bank in Boston, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolves :

In favor of Joseph McEvoy ;

In favor of Mary L. Tarbox ;

In relation to flats, meadows and beaches on East Harbor Creek, in Provincetown and Truro ;

In favor of John McGrath ;

In favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary ;

In favor of Catherine Harvey ;

In favor of the widow of James M. Bunker ;

In favor of Nehemiah C. Fernald ; and

In favor of Willie L. Payne ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on the petition of Charles Stone, treasurer of Middlesex County, and Charles A. Chase, treasurer of Worcester County, for an increase of their salary, was, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, postponed until tomorrow.

Mr. Granger of Boston rose to a point of order that the 18th rule of the House referred to the State House as a whole, and not simply to the representatives' chamber, and therefore he had the right to pass out of the chamber, though the rule were enforced. Point of order.

The Speaker ruled that the point was not well taken, the rule applying to the representatives' chamber alone.

Mr. Granger of Boston then moved that the rule be suspended, but the motion was rejected.

The bill relating to the rights of husbands and wives, and for the protection of minor children, was further considered. The bill was amended in the first line on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, and in the fourth line on motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton. A new section was added

to the bill, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, providing that the bill should not affect any cases pending in the courts. But the vote whereby the amendment was adopted was subsequently reconsidered, and the amendment rejected.

The bill as amended was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The bill relating to contracts with officers of cities was amended on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston. After debate at length, and the rejection of other amendments, the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The yeas and nays were ordered on a motion to adjourn. The roll was called and the motion prevailed by a vote of 72 yeas to 42 nays. The yeas and nays were as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. John Q. Adams,
William G. Bassett,
John Bigelow,
William E. Blunt,
Dennis Bonner,
S. W. Brayton,
Stillman Butterworth,
Aaron O. Buxton,
Cyrus W. Chapman,
Albe C. Clark,
Francis E. Clark,
Charles R. Codman,
Austin H. Connell,
L. J. Cole,
J. W. Coveney,
George G. Crocker,
John Cummings,
Francis C. Curtis,
Thomas S. Cushman,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Curtis Davis,
I. W. Derby,
Edward Dickinson,
Jarvis N. Dunham,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
George O. Fairbanks,
John H. Fisher,
Joseph E. Fiske,
William Frost,
George S. Gates,
Asahel Gates,
Sam'l S. Gleason,

Messrs. Levi L. Goodspeed,
Elbridge H. Goss,
Charles Hale,
Horace Haskins,
John B. Hill,
Joseph W. Hill,
Andrew Howes,
Francis M. Hughes,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Jesse E. Keith,
Moses Kimball,
Samuel O. Lamb,
Willard Lewis,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Joseph C. Little,
Edward P. Loring,
Lyman Mason,
Albert Mason,
Edward McCleave,
John F. Moors,
Andrew M. Morton,
Avery W. Nelson,
Porter Nutting,
Richard Olney,
Albert Palmer,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
William E. Perkins,
Willard P. Phillips,
Richard Pope,
Philip H. Robinson,
George D. Robinson,
Charles Robinson, Jr.,

Messrs. George A. Shaw,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Sumner Southworth,
John H. Studley,

Messrs. Daniel H. Thurston,
Warren Tyler,
Moses Williams, Jr.,
James B. Williams.

NAYS.

Messrs. Emory Banister,
John H. Bell,
Sanford W. Billings,
Samuel P. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Richard D. Blinn,
Enos W. Boise,
Richard Britton,
James H. Carleton,
Henry J. Couch,
John A. Cummings,
Eustace C. Fitz,
Thomas Gates,
Addison Gilbert,
Brownell Granger,
Benj. Heath,
David P. Howes,
James D. Hurlbut,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Thomas M. Judd,
William S. Knox,

Messrs. Daniel J. Lewis,
Lewis Lombard,
Charles A. Loud,
Samuel Loring,
Henry B. Lovering,
Horatio A. Lucas,
W. Stanley Newhall,
Lysander J. Orcutt,
Charles S. Osgood,
Lawrence Reade,
George J. Sanger,
Henry P. Shattuck,
William L. Slade,
George D. Smalley,
Daniel J. Sweeney,
James G. Tarr,
Robert R. Wiley,
Henry W. Wilson,
Samuel Winslow,
Henry V. Woods.
George C. Wright.

Yeas, 72 ; Nays, 42.

Adjourned at 7 P.M.

TUESDAY, March 24, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Sanger of Danvers.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Montague of Sunderland, the remonstrance of A. D. Hubbard and 51 others ; and by Mr. Mayhew of Charlemont, the remonstrance of M. M. Mayhew and 65 others of Charlemont, against the petition of A. W. Stevens for a free bridge at Turner's Falls. Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

By Mr. Buffum of Lynn, the petition of W. B. Mudge, for an annuity for injuries received during the late war. Referred to the committee on Claims.

**Mattapoisett
alewife fishery.**

By Mr. Mason of Plymouth, the petition of the selectmen of Mattapoisett, for an amendment of the laws for the protection of alewife fishery in Mattapoisett River. Referred to the committee on Fisheries.

Pedlers.

By Mr. Kimball of Holliston, the petition of Lewis H. Turner and others, for a change in the law relating to pedlers. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

New county.

My Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg, the petitions of E. P. Coleman and others of Gardner, S. K. Wheeler and others, and of Thomas H. Doherty and others of Fitchburg, in favor of a new county, to be called Lincoln.

Do.

By Mr. Rich of Royalston, the remonstrance of H. O. Adams and 60 others of Royalston, against the division of Worcester County.

Do.

By Mr. Carr of Ashby, the petition of William Sheldon and other voters of Ashby, for a new county for northern Worcester and Middlesex.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Census.

A message from His Excellency the Governor, concerning a census of the Commonwealth, was received and laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Granger of Boston offered the following order, which, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, was laid over until to-morrow :—

18th House rule.

Ordered, That the eighteenth rule of the House is annulled.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To provide for a public park in the city of Somerville ;

To incorporate the Trustees of Donations for Education in Turkey ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

To authorize towns to raise money to celebrate certain anniversaries ;

To incorporate the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Fall River ;

Providing for the preservation of lobsters ;

To incorporate the Cambridge Improvement Company ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve in favor of Robert S. Rantoul Resolve passed. (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

At half-past two o'clock, Mr. Noble of Westfield called Election of a United States senator. for the special assignment, being the election, on the part of the House, of a person to represent the State in the Senate of the United States, in place of Charles Sumner, deceased. The roll was called, and the following named members voted for E. ROCKWOOD HOAR :—

Messrs. William Abbott,
Joseph E. Bailey,
Robert R. Bishop,
Sanford W. Billings,
William E. Blunt,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,
Samuel H. Boutwell,
Reuben Boynton,
William B. Brown,
Alonzo A. Carr,
Charles R. Codman,
George G. Crocker,
John Cummings,
Thomas S. Cushman,
George O. Fairbanks,
C. C. Field,
Joseph E. Fiske,
Eustace C. Fitz,
John W. Fletcher,
William Frost,
John J. Giles,
Sam'l S. Ginnodo,
Elbridge H. Goss,
Gayton M. Hall,
Horace Haskins,
John F. Haskins,
Benj. F. Hayes,
Benj. Howard,
Andrew Howes,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Edward J. Johnson,
Moses Kimball,
William S. Knox,
Daniel J. Lewis,

Messrs. Willard Lewis,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Edward P. Loring,
Aaron Low,
Lyman Mason,
Albert Mason,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
John J. McNutt,
John B. Moore,
Avery W. Nelson,
Edward O. Noyes,
William E. Perkins,
Willard P. Phillips,
Charles L. Pratt,
John W. Rice,
Joshua C. Robinson,
Charles Robinson, Jr.,
Nathaniel J. Rust,
George J. Sanger,
Cyrus Savage,
John Savery,
John Shaw,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Moses Smith,
Abraham H. Smith,
Richard H. Stearns,
Isaac Stebbins,
Artemus S. Tyler,
T. W. Wellington,
Simon H. White,
Moses Williams, Jr.,
Samuel Winslow,
Henry V. Woods.

Total, 68.

The following named members voted for BENJAMIN R. CURTIS :—

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Messrs. N. E. Hollis,
John Q. Adams,	Francis M. Hughes,
Andrew Athy,	Edward G. Hull,
Emory Banister,	Jesse E. Keith,
Patrick Barry,	Elbridge G. Kelley,
Richard D. Blinn,	Eben Kimball,
John C. Blood,	George P. Kingsley,
Enos W. Boise,	Samuel Loring,
Dennis Bonner,	Henry B. Lovering,
Stillman Butterworth,	John T. Manny,
James H. Carleton,	Joseph B. Morss,
Patrick Collins,	Andrew M. Morton,
Austin H. Connell,	William H. Murray,
Henry J. Couch,	Reuben Noble,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	Richard Olney,
Timothy J. Dacey,	James O. Parker,
Curtis Davis,	Richard Pope,
I. W. Derby,	Edward B. Rankin,
Jarvis N. Dunham,	Lawrence Reade,
Joseph M. Eaton,	J. A. G. Richardson,
Augustus B. Endicott,	Nathaniel Seaver,
James E. Estabrook,	George A. Shaw,
John E. Fitzgerald,	Charles L. Shaw,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,	Albert Smith,
Thomas Gates,	Rufus Smith,
Ziba Gay,	Ezra Stearns,
Wm. B. Gibson,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Andrew J. Gove,	George W. Taft,
F. E. Gray,	Michael F. Wells,
Samuel M. Haynes,	James B. Williams,
James E. Hill,	Henry W. Wright.
Geo. Hodges,	

Total, 63.

The following named members voted for HENRY L. DAWES :—

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Messrs. John B. Fairbanks,
William G. Bassett,	John H. Fisher,
Samuel P. Billings,	Asahel Gates,
S. W. Brayton,	Samuel S. Gleason,
Richard Britton,	Levi L. Goodspeed,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Brownell Granger,
Damon E. Cheney,	Charles Hale,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Solomon E. Hallett,
Francis E. Clark,	Abraham W. Harris,
L. J. Cole,	Benj. Heath,
John Cushing,	Allen Higginbottom,
Edward Eaton,	Joseph W. Hill,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	David P. Howes,

Messrs. John B. Hull,
George W. Jones,
Thomas M. Judd,
Joseph C. Little,
Lewis Lombard,
Charles A. Loud,
Horatio A. Lucas,
Julius M. Lyon,
Horace H. Mayhew,
James L. Merritt,
Albert Montague,
Lysander J. Orcutt,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
Henry W. Phelps,
Smith R. Phillips,
Francis E. Porter,
D. Franklin Reed,
J. A. Rich,

Messrs. Philip H. Robinson,
George D. Robinson,
Joseph W. Rogers,
William R. Roundy,
L. H. Sawin,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
E. H. Seymour,
Henry P. Shattuck,
Henry Shortle,
George D. Smalley,
Sumner Southworth,
John H. Studley,
James G. Tarr,
Daniel H. Thurston,
Warren Tyler,
Robert R. Wiley,
Henry W. Wilson.

Total, 61.

The following named members voted for JOHN E. SANFORD :—

Messrs. John Bigelow,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Francis C. Curtis,
John Davol, Jr.,
George S. Gates,
Addison Gilbert,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Jonathan Johnson,

Messrs. Charles H. Killam,
Daniel McCowan,
W. Stanley Newhall,
William L. Slade,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Leonard Washburn,
Cyrus M. Wheaton,
William Whiting.

Total, 16.

The following named members voted for CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS :—

Messrs. Albe C. Clark,
Edward Dickinson,
Nahum B. Hall,
John B. Hill,
James D. Hurlbut,
Lucius W. Knight,

Messrs. Samuel O. Lamb,
John F. Moors,
Porter Nutting,
Almon M. Orcutt,
Warren Sibley,
George C. Wright.

Total, 12.

Messrs. George Bartholmesz, Aaron O. Buxton, Jeremiah W. Coveney, Henry D. Lay and Henry L. Pratt voted for NATHANIEL P. BANKS.

Messrs. James N. Buffum and Albert Palmer voted for WENDELL PHILLIPS.

Messrs. John E. Sanford and Joshua B. Smith, voted for WILLIAM B. WASHBURN.

Mr. Charles S. Osgood voted for CHARLES HALE.

Mr. John A. Cummings voted for CHARLES DEVENS, Jr.

Mr. Benjamin C. Currier voted for WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON.

Mr. Henry C. Davis voted for ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK.

Mr. John H. Bell voted for JOHN H. CLIFFORD.

Mr. Alfred A. Clatur voted for JOSHUA B. SMITH.

Whole number of votes cast,	.	.	235
Necessary for a choice,	.	.	118

The Speaker thereupon announced that no person had received a majority of the votes cast, and that there was no election on the part of the House.

Papers from the Senate.

Attleborough
Branch R. R.

A bill authorizing the Attleborough Branch Railroad to increase its capital stock, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, in concurrence, to the committee on Railways.

Taunton.

A petition in aid of the petition concerning a Street Sprinkling Department in Taunton, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Bills :

Hampden
County courts.

Amending chapter 294 of the acts of 1872, authorizing the county commissioners of Hampden County to take land for court house purposes ; and

Agricultural
societies.

To amend section 5, chapter 66 of the General Statutes, in relation to agricultural societies, severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Fishing in Con-
necticut and
Merrimac
Rivers.

A bill to regulate fishing in the Connecticut and Merrimack Rivers passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

Paul Giddings.

Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Paul Giddings for state aid, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. Moors of Greenfield, from the committee on Education, on an order concerning the location of school-houses in towns where the district system prevails, reported inexpedient to legislate. District school-houses.

Mr. Noyes of North Bridgewater, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the order relative to amending section 52, chapter 224, laws of 1870, relating to coöperative associations, reported inexpedient to legislate. Coöperative associations.

Mr. Lucas of Carver, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on the order relative to amending chapter 298, acts of 1871, so as to allow towns to assess highway taxes, to be expended in labor and materials, reported inexpedient to legislate. Highway taxes.

Mr. Higginbottom of Holyoke, from the same committee, on the order relative to repealing section 59, chapter 293, acts of 1870, in relation to repairs of roads in the town of Mashpee, reported inexpedient to legislate. Mashpee—repairs of roads.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to the expediency of providing that corporations may take and hold the title to real estate conveyed to them in mortgage, under certain restrictions, reported inexpedient to legislate. Corporations—title to real estate.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the order relative to providing that no action shall be maintained for any debt under five dollars, reported inexpedient to legislate. Actions for debt.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to the sale of real estate taken on execution, reported a bill relating to sales of land on execution. Land sales on execution.

Mr. Williams of Brookline, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of the Monadnock Railroad Company, reported a bill in addition to an act incorporating said company. Monadnock Railroad.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the New Bedford Railroad Company to lease its road, reported that it ought to pass. New Bedford Railroad Co.

Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, to whom was referred the report of the commissioners for locating and building a state prison, reported a bill in New state prison.

addition to, and amendatory of, an act authorizing the construction of a new state prison building.

Beverly—issue
of bonds.

Mr. Mayhew of Charlemont, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of the selectmen of Beverly, reported a bill to authorize the town of Beverly to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debt.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Haverhill police
court.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill of last year relating to the salaries of certain judicial officers, reported a bill to establish the salary of the justice and clerk of the police court of Haverhill. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the House proceeded to the consideration of the

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on the petitions of William Wood and others; of G. H. Vibbert and others, and of Kate A. Mead and others, for legislation concerning night-walkers;

Also, leave to withdraw on the petition of H. K. Thatcher and others, for an amendment of chapter 264, acts of 1868, being an act for the protection of public ways and bridges, were severally accepted.

Bills :

To authorize the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company, to establish and support a ferry ;

Concerning the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company ; and

To incorporate the Needham Savings Bank ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To provide for the appointment of a second assistant district-attorney for Suffolk District ; and

To amend chapter 265 of the acts of the year 1865, concerning the preservation of the records of town proprietaries ;

Were read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to enable the owners of lands flowed under the

mill acts to recover past damages was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the orders of the day Joint convention. were laid on the table.

The same gentleman moved that when the House adjourn it be to meet to-morrow at a quarter before twelve o'clock, which motion was carried.

The same gentleman then moved that no persons be admitted to the floor to-morrow before the time to which the House adjourned, except members and officers of the House.

Mr. Coveney of Cambridge moved to amend by excepting also members and officers of the Senate.

The amendment was adopted, and the motion as amended prevailed.

Mr. Sprague of Framingham moved that no person, except members and officers of the legislature, be admitted to the floor of the House before the joint convention of the two branches assembled.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the motion was so amended as to provide that no person, except members and officers, be admitted until the joint convention has adjourned or dissolved. The motion as amended was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Sanger of Danvers, the orders of the day Orders of the day. were taken from the table.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles Stone, treasurer of Middlesex County, and Charles A. Chase, treasurer of Worcester County, for an increase of their salary, was considered.

Mr. Winslow of Worcester moved to amend by substituting a bill to establish the salary of the county treasurer of the county of Worcester.

Pending the consideration of the amendment, the House adjourned, at 4.15.

WEDNESDAY, March 25, 1874.

Met at 11.45, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Moors of Greenfield.

At the request of Mr. Hale of Boston, that part of the journal of yesterday relating to the vote for United States Senator was read.

Mr. Crocker of Boston, offered the following order, which was laid over till to-morrow, under the rule :—

Ventilation of
the Representa-
tives' Chamber.

Ordered, That the committee on the State House consider and report with all possible expedition what measures can be taken to secure a better ventilation of the Representatives' Chamber.

Mr. Hale of Boston, offered the following order, which, at his own request, was laid over till to-morrow :—

Hour of ad-
journment.

Ordered, That whenever the House shall be in session as late as a quarter before six o'clock, P. M., unless the House shall then vote to adjourn, a recess shall be taken until half-past seven o'clock, and the Speaker shall announce the recess accordingly without further order; and if, on the re-assembling of the House at half-past seven, a quorum be not present, the House shall forthwith be adjourned until the hour fixed for the next day's session.

Joint Assembly.

Joint assembly
for election of
United States
senator.

At twelve o'clock the Senate came in, and the two branches went into joint assembly, the President of the Senate in the chair.

The journals of the two houses were then read, so far as they related to the vote for a United States Senator, the names of the members of the House voting for the several candidates being omitted, on motion of Mr. Sanford of Taunton.

The president of the convention then announced that neither branch had chosen any person to the vacancy in the United States Senate caused by the death of the Hon. Charles Sumner, and that, pursuant to a law of Congress, the two houses had met in joint assembly, and the roll would now be called, each member being requested to announce his choice orally.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury asked to be excused from voting, on the ground that he had paired with an absent member.

Mr. Codman of Boston rose to a point of order, that the joint assembly could not excuse a member from voting, the law requiring every member to vote, and that a motion to excuse a member from voting was not in order.

The Chair ruled that the point was not well taken, from which ruling Mr. Codman appealed.

The decision of the chair was sustained, and the joint

assembly then voted that Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury be not excused from voting.

The roll was then called, and the following named members voted

For Henry L. Dawes.

Messrs. Charles Alden,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 Prentiss C. Baird,
 Henry L. Bancroft,
 William G. Bassett,
 Brooks T. Batcheller,
 John H. Bell,
 John Bigelow,
 Samuel P. Billings,
 S. W. Brayton,
 Richard Britton,
 Erastus P. Carpenter,
 Cyrus W. Chapman,
 Damon E. Cheney,
 Elijah H. Chisholm,
 Francis E. Clark,
 Alfred A. Clatur,
 L. J. Cole,
 John A. Cummings,
 Francis C. Curtis,
 John Cushing,
 Edward Eaton,
 Lucian F. Eldridge,
 John B. Fairbanks,
 John H. Fisher,
 Charles Fitz,
 George S. Gates,
 Asahel Gates,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Sam'l S. Gleason,
 Levi L. Goodspeed,
 Brownell Granger,
 Charles Hale,
 Solomon E. Hallett,
 Abraham W. Harris,
 Francis B. Hayes,
 Benj. Heath,
 Allen Higginbottom,
 Joseph W. Hill,
 David P. Howes,
 John B. Hull,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 George W. Jones,
 Thomas M. Judd,

Messrs. Charles H. Killam,
 Edward Learned,
 Joseph C. Little,
 Lewis Lombard,
 George B. Loring,
 Charles A. Loud,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 Julius M. Lyon,
 Horace H. Mayhew,
 Moody Merrill,
 James L. Merritt,
 Albert Montague,
 Amasa Norcross,
 Lysander J. Orcutt,
 Charles S. Osgood,
 Albert Palmer,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 Henry W. Phelps,
 Smith R. Phillips,
 Francis E. Porter,
 J. A. Rich,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 George D. Robinson,
 Joseph W. Rogers,
 William R. Roundy,
 L. H. Sawin,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 E. H. Seymour,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 Henry Shortle,
 George D. Smalley,
 Sumner Southworth,
 Thomas N. Stone,
 John H. Studley,
 James G. Tarr,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Warren Tyler,
 Zenas C. Wardwell,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 Tisdale S. White,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Henry W. Wilson,
 George C. Wright.

Total, 87.

For E. Rockwood Hoar.

Messrs. William Abbott,	Messrs. Frederic W. Lincoln,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Edward P. Loring,
Sanford W. Billings,	W. C. Lovering,
Robert R. Bishop,	Aaron Low,
Stephen F. Blaney,	Lyman Mason,
William E. Blunt,	Albert Mason,
Frederick L. Bosworth,	Edward McCleave,
Samuel H. Boutwell,	John J. McNutt,
Reuben Boynton,	John B. Moore,
William B. Brown,	Avery W. Nelson,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Edward O. Noyes,
Charles R. Codman,	Francis A. Nye,
George G. Crocker,	William E. Perkins,
John Cummings,	Willard P. Phillips,
Thomas S. Cushman,	Charles L. Pratt,
Jedediah Dwelley,	John W. Rice,
George O. Fairbanks,	Joshua C. Robinson,
C. C. Field,	Charles Robinson, Jr.,
Joseph E. Fiske,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
Eustace C. Fitz,	John E. Sanford,
John W. Fletcher,	George J. Sanger,
Charles H. French,	Cyrus Savage,
William Frost,	John Savery,
John J. Giles,	John Shaw,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	William L. Slade,
Elbridge H. Goss,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
Gayton M. Hall,	Joshua B. Smith,
Horace Haskins,	Moses Smith,
John A. Hawes,	Abraham H. Smith,
Benj. F. Hayes,	Franklin H. Sprague,
Benj. Howard,	Richard H. Stearns,
Andrew Howes,	Isaac Stebbins,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,	Charles P. Stickney,
Richardson Hutchinson,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Edward J. Johnson,	Leonard Washburn,
Moses Kimball,	Timothy W. Wellington,
William S. Knox,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Jonathan A. Lane,	Simon H. White,
Henry D. Lay,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Daniel J. Lewis,	Samuel Winslow,
Willard Lewis,	Henry V. Woods.

Total, 82.

For Benjamin R. Curtis.

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Messrs. Emory Banister,
John Q. Adams,	Patrick Barry,
Andrew Athy,	Richard D. Blinn,
Horace C. Bacon,	John C. Blood,

Messrs. Enos W. Boise,
 Dennis Bonner,
 Stillman Butterworth,
 James H. Carleton,
 Patrick Collins,
 Austin H. Connell,
 Henry J. Couch,
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
 Timothy J. Dacey,
 Curtis Davis,
 I. W. Derby,
 Jarvis N. Dunham,
 Joseph M. Eaton,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 James E. Estabrook,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 Henry Fuller,
 Jeremiah Gatchell,
 Thomas Gates,
 Ziba Gay,
 William B. Gibson,
 Andrew J. Gove,
 F. E. Gray,
 Sam'l M. Haynes,
 James E. Hill,
 Geo. Hodges,
 N. E. Hollis,
 Francis M. Hughes,
 Edward G. Hull,
 Thomas Ingalls,
 Francis W. Jacobs,
 Jesse E. Keith,

Messrs. Elbridge G. Kelley,
 Eben Kimball,
 George P. Kingsley,
 Samuel Loring,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 John T. Manny,
 Walter N. Mason,
 Joseph B. Morss,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 William H. Murray,
 Reuben Noble,
 Richard Olney,
 James O. Parker,
 Ezra Parmenter,
 Richard Pope,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 Lawrence Reade,
 E. P. Reed,
 J. A. G. Richardson,
 William F. Salmon,
 Nathaniel Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 Charles L. Shaw,
 Albert Smith,
 Rufus Smith,
 Ezra Stearns,
 Daniel J. Sweeney,
 George W. Taft,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 George F. Verry,
 Michael F. Wells,
 James B. Williams,
 Henry W. Wright.

Total, 74.

For Charles Francis Adams.

Messrs. David Aiken,
 Francis E. Clark,
 Edward Dickinson,
 Francis Edson,
 Nahum B. Hall,
 John F. Haskins,
 John B. Hill,
 James D. Hurlbut,

Messrs. Lucius W. Knight,
 Samuel O. Lamb,
 John F. Moors,
 Porter Nutting,
 Almon M. Orcutt,
 Warren Sibley,
 William Whiting.

Total, 15.

For Nathaniel P. Banks.

Messrs. George Bartholmesz,	Messrs. John Davol, Jr.,
Aaron O. Buxton,	Daniel McCowan,
Jeremiah W. Coveney,	Henry L. Pratt.
Total, 6.	

For John E. Sanford.

Messrs. Nathan S. Jenkins,	W. Stanley Newhall.
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For Wendell Phillips.

Messrs. James N. Buffum,	David Mayhew.
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For William Lloyd Garrison.

Ben. C. Currier.

For John G. Whittier.

Nathaniel P. Banks.

For Alexander H. Bullock.

Henry C. Davis.

The Chair announced the result of the vote as follows :—

Whole number of votes,	.	.	.	271
Necessary to a choice, .	.	.	.	136
For Henry L. Dawes,	.	.	.	87
E. Rockwood Hoar,	.	.	.	82
Benjamin R. Curtis,	.	.	.	74
Charles F. Adams,	.	.	.	15
N. P. Banks,	.	.	.	6
John E. Sanford,	.	.	.	2
Wendell Phillips,	.	.	.	2
William Lloyd Garrison,	.	.	.	1
A. H. Bullock,	.	.	.	1
John G. Whittier,	.	.	.	1

And no person is chosen to fill the vacancy in the United States Senate.

A motion to proceed to another ballot was lost, and the President declared the joint assembly adjourned to 12 o'clock to-morrow.

[*For further proceedings of the Joint Assembly, see Appendix A.*]

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the House took a recess till half-past two, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After the recess, the House re-assembled, and the following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Mayhew of Charlemont, the remonstrance of E. A. Robbins and 18 others, of Shelburne, against the union of that town to Buckland. Referred to the committee on Towns. Union of Buckland and Shelburne.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, the petition of J. E. Cabot and 53 others of Brookline, for amendment of section 35, chapter 38 of the General Statutes, establishing the office of superintendent of public schools. Referred to the committee on Education. Superintendents of schools.

By Mr. Dacey of Boston, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule moved by him, the petition of the Boston Boat Club and others, that they may be allowed to moor a floating boat-house on the northerly side of Cambridgeport Bridge. Referred to the committee on Harbors. Boston Boat Club.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of A. M. White and others of Townsend, in favor of a new county in northern Worcester and Middlesex Counties. Also, the Petition of William Baldwin, Jr., and others of Fitchburg, in aid of the petition of T. K. Ware and others, for a new county. New county.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the message from His Excellency the Governor, concerning a census of the Commonwealth, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on the Reports of the Commissioners to the Vienna Exposition. Sent up for concurrence. Census.

The order relative to annulling the 18th rule of the House, offered yesterday by Mr. Granger of Boston, and laid over until to-day, was debated and adopted. 18th House rule.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Hale of Boston, was amended to read as follows, and adopted:— United States senator.

Ordered, That until a choice of United States Senator is effected: first, the orders of the 24th inst., relative to admission to the House, shall remain in force for every day on which a joint assembly is held; second, the hour of meeting of the House shall be one-quarter before twelve o'clock, meridian, the proceedings of the House, as a

separate body, to be resumed so soon as the two branches separate.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Cultivation of fishes.

In addition to an act to regulate the leasing of great ponds for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes ; and

Amherst College.

To provide for the election of certain Trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof ;

(Passed to be engrossed by the Senate ;)

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills :

Taxes.

Relating to assessment of taxes ; and

Worcester—
sewer and
drains.

To amend chapter 106, acts of 1867, relating to sewers and drains in the city of Worcester ;

(Passed to be engrossed by the Senate ;)

Were read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Religious societies.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies consider the expediency of amending sections six and seven of the General Statutes, relating to membership of religious societies.

Introduced on Leave.

Joseph Warren Monument Association.

By Mr. Palmer of Boston, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, a bill to incorporate the Joseph Warren Monument Association. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

In addition to an act to supply the village of Attleborough with water for the extinguishment of fires, and for other purposes ;

Concerning the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company ;

Concerning sidewalks ;

To amend an act to enable the First Congregational Society, in the town of Falmouth, to dispose of certain real estate ;

To amend an act relating to a public common in the town of Mattapoisett ; and

To change the name of the Allen Street Congregational Society of North Cambridge ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Stebbins of Chelsea, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of Daniel Simmons and others, for a savings bank in the town of Blackstone, reported leave to withdraw. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Savings bank in Blackstone.

Mr. Pope of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the recommendation of the Insurance Commissioner relative to mutual fire insurance companies, reported a bill in relation to mutual fire insurance companies. Mutual Fire Ins. Cos.

Mr. Currier of Newburyport, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of the Water Commissioners of Pittsfield, reported a bill in addition to an act supplying the town of Pittsfield with pure water. Pittsfield—water supply.

Mr. Clark of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order relative to sales of real estate by executors, reported a bill relating to sales of real estate by executors and administrators in certain cases. Real estate.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The reports :

Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of providing that corporations may take and hold the title to real estate conveyed to them in mortgage, under certain restrictions ; and Orders of the day.

Inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to providing that no action shall be maintained for any debt under five dollars ;

Were severally accepted.

The reports :

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending section 52, chapter 224, laws of 1870, relating to coöperative associations ;

Of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate on the order concerning the location of school-houses in towns where the district system prevails ;

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to repealing section 59, chap-

ter 293, acts of 1870, in relation to repairs of roads in the town of Mashpee ; and

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on the petition of Paul Giddings, for state aid ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles Stone, treasurer of Middlesex County, and Charles A. Chase, treasurer of Worcester County, for an increase of their salary, was further considered. The motion of Mr. Winslow of Worcester, to amend the report by substituting a bill therefor was rejected after debate, and the report of the committee was accepted.

Bills :

To amend chapter 102 of the General Statutes, relating to sales of land by guardians ;

In addition to an act incorporating the Monadnock Railroad Company ; and

To authorize the New Bedford Railroad Company to lease its road ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In addition to acts in relation to smelt fisheries ; and

To incorporate the Needham Savings Bank ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to supply the town of Orange with pure water, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned at 5.15.

THURSDAY, March 26, 1874.

Met according to adjournment at 11.45, A. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Moors of Greenfield.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the House took a recess until the adjournment of the joint assembly for the election of a United States Senator.

Upon the adjournment of the joint assembly, the House took a recess until half-past two, at which hour it again met.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Mayhew of Charlemont, the petitions of Theodore Wood and 29 others of Shelburne, of Frederick L. Boehmer and 10 others, and of William B. Caswell, Jr. and 31 others of Buckland, in favor of the union of Shelburne and Buckland. Union of Buckland and Shelburne.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Billings of Sharon, the petition of J. W. Godfrey and 37 others of Sharon; and by Mr. Codman of Boston, the petition of Henry L. Pierce and others, in favor of a law by which the owner of real estate may deduct for the purpose of taxation the amount for which his real property is mortgaged. Taxation of mortgaged property.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, the memorial of the city of Salem in regard to the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads. Hoosac Tunnel line of railroads.
Referred to the committee on that subject.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The House bill concerning Malden Bridge came down with a Senate amendment, in which the House concurred. Malden Bridge.

The memorial of Samuel C. Cobb, C. C. Esty and Edwin Walden, commissioners for a new state lunatic asylum, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Samuel C. Cobb et als.

Orders.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Crocker of Boston and laid over, directing the committee on the State House to consider what measures can be taken to secure better ventilation of the Representatives' Chamber, was adopted and sent up for concurrence. Ventilation of Representatives' Hall.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Hale of Boston, relative to the adjournment of the House, was withdrawn, no objection being made. Adjournment of the House.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Ordered, That the record of the votes for Senator in each day's joint assembly, be printed as a House document. Votes for senator.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To regulate the re-insuring of risks by life insurance companies ;

To determine the method to be followed by the Insurance Commissioner in computing the amount necessary to insure outstanding risks of insurance companies ;

Relating to the small-pox and other diseases dangerous to the public health and providing for the reimbursement of expenses incurred in relation thereto ;

In addition to an act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out a public street or way across South Bay ;

To incorporate the Old Men's Home in the city of Worcester ;

To authorize the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association to erect a wooden building in the city of Boston ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To incorporate the French and National Union of Lawrence ; and

Relating to recording mortgages of personal property ;
(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day:

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Daniel Simmons and others, for a savings bank in the town of Blackstone, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Relating to sales of land on execution :

In relation to mutual fire insurance companies ;

In addition to an act supplying the town of Pittsfield with pure water ; and

In addition to an act to regulate the leasing of great ponds for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill in relation to the descent of property and to the rights of husbands and wives, was read and debated. An amendment, offered by Mr. Mason of Plymouth, was adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill in relation to discharged convicts was read,

amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to amend chapter 102 of the General Statutes, relating to sales of land by guardians, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill concerning the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy, the orders of the day were laid upon the table.

On motion of the same gentleman, it was voted that when the House adjourn it be to meet at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon, unless the joint assembly be in session at that hour, in which case the adjournment shall be to the time at which the joint assembly is dissolved or adjourned.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 27, 1874.

The House met at 2, P. M.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Sanger of Danvers.

By Mr. Gates of Groton, the petition of C. W. Livingston and others of Ayer, for a change in the laws relating to pedlers. Referred to the committee on Manufactures. Pedlers.

By Mr. Derby of Boston, the petition of Martin W. Ford and 48 others, for just and equal taxation. Referred to the committee on that subject. Just and equal taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of N. F. Bond and others, and of Henry R. Horton and others, of Fitchburg; and by Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg, the petitions of George Taft and others of Townsend, and of Silas P. Billings and others of Fitchburg,—all in favor of a new county, to be called Lincoln. New county.

By Mr. Field of Leominster, the petition of C. C. Cook and 49 others of Leominster, in favor of a division of Worcester County; and by Mr. Sibley of Auburn, the remonstrance of Joseph A. Denny and 45 others of Leicester, against the division of said county. Division of Worcester County.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Introduced on Leave.

John Mangen.

By Mr. Richardson of Lowell, a resolve in favor of John Mangen. Read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Dickinson of Amherst,—

Enlargement of
cemetery
grounds.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of extending the provisions of section 5, chapter 112, acts of 1866, by which towns are authorized to take lands for the enlargement of cemetery grounds, to cemetery corporations.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Codman of Boston, and laid over, was modified by him to read as follows, and was adopted :—

Hour of meet-
ing.

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered, the hour of meeting each day, except Saturdays, shall be two o'clock in the afternoon: provided, however, that if the joint assembly for the election of United States Senator is in session at that hour, the House shall meet immediately after the adjournment or dissolution of said joint assembly.

On Saturdays, the House shall meet at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and if there be a joint assembly for the choice of Senator in the United States to be held on any Saturday, the Speaker shall, at five minutes before twelve, meridian, if the House be in session at that time, declare it adjourned until the following Monday.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton, —

Laying out
streets or ways
by towns.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of authorizing cities and towns which have accepted chapter 382 acts of 1871, being "an act in relation to betterments," or any of the acts thereby repealed, to lay out streets or ways under the provisions of the General Statutes.

Papers from the Senate.

Abolition of
duties on coal.

The resolve concerning the abolition of duties on coal, introduced on leave in the Senate, and referred by that branch to the committee on Federal Relations, in which action the House had non-concurred, came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted on its reference. The House refused to recede from its previous action, and insisted on its non-concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for temporary relief of the poor ; and Relief of poor of Boston.

Relating to the acquisition of rights of way and other easements in lands by adverse use or prescription, severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary. Acquisition of rights of way.

A bill to authorize the trustees of the House of the Angel Guardian to hold additional estate, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. House of the Angel Guardian.

The reports :

Of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw on the petition of George B. Richmond and others ; and Geo. B. Richmond.

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on the petition of A. G. Clark and others, to be incorporated as the Merrimack Steam Navigation Company ; Merrimack Steam Navigation Company.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, a message was sent to the Senate, requesting the return to the House of the House bill to amend the General Statutes relative to the descent and distribution of real and personal property. Descent and distribution of property.

The bill was returned, and on motion of Mr. Mason of Plymouth it was subsequently recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to consider the expediency of incorporating with its provisions the first section of the bill in relation to the descent of property and to the rights of husband and wife (House, No. 203) as originally reported, which was stricken out in considering said bill in the orders of the day.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Rich of Royalston, from the committee on Towns, who were instructed by an order to consider the expediency of re-annexing the town of Nahant to the city of Lynn, reported inexpedient to legislate. Re-annexation of Nahant to Lynn.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the petitions of Eleazer Austin and others, J. B. Gifford and others, Luther Ladd and others, and S. McDonald and others, for an amend- Liens on buildings and land.

ment of chapter 150 of the General Statutes relative to liens on buildings and land, reported leave to withdraw.

Winthrop E.
Perry et als.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Winthrop E. Perry and others for an act to make valid a certain title.

Jamaica Pond
Aqueduct Cor-
poration.

Mr. Studley of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation for authority to take water from Hammond's Pond in Newton.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Responsibility
of insurance
agents.

Mr. Rice of Barre, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the bill regulating the responsibility of agents of insurance companies, asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

County law
library associa-
tions.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill relating to the county law library associations, reported that it ought to pass.

Witnesses.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill in addition to an act concerning witnesses in criminal cases, reported that it ought to pass.

These bills were severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Nuisance in
Cambridge.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred a Senate amendment to the bill to amend an act for the abatement of a nuisance in the city of Cambridge and for the preservation of the public health in said city, reported the House should concur in said amendment. The bill and report were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Jamaica Pond
Aqueduct Cor-
poration.

Mr. Studley of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, to whom was referred the bill to amend an act establishing the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation, reported that it ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Nuisance in
Cambridge and
Somerville.

Mr. Haskins of Somerville, from the same committee, on an order relative to amending chapter 304 of the acts of 1873, reported a bill to amend an act for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Thomas Hall and W. W. Blake, reported a bill in addition to an act to provide for the attendance of constables at sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston. Attendance of constables at municipal court in Boston.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the same committee, on an order relative to amending chapter 28 of the General Statutes, reported a bill to authorize cemetery corporations to hold funds in trust for the care of lots. Cemetery corporations.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

An engrossed bill to authorize the town of North Bridgewater to change its name (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to amending chapter 298, acts of 1871, so as to allow towns to assess highway taxes, to be expended in labor and materials, was, on motion of Mr. Lucas of Carver, laid on the table. Orders of the day.

The bill in addition to, and amendatory of, an act authorizing the construction of a new state prison building, was referred to the committee on Finance.

Bills :

To regulate fishing in the Connecticut and Merrimack Rivers (amended on motion of Mr. Robinson of Chicopee) ;

To authorize the town of Beverly to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debt (amended on motion of Mr. Tyler of North Brookfield) ;

Relating to sales of real estate by executors and administrators in certain cases ; and

To provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof (amended on motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company to establish and support a ferry (amended on motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston) ;

In relation to mutual fire insurance companies ;

In addition to an act supplying the town of Pittsfield with pure water ;

In addition to an act incorporating the Monadnock Railroad Company ; and

To authorize the New Bedford Railroad Company to lease its road ;

Concerning the resignation of trustees (amended on motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton) ;

Relating to contracts with officers of cities (amended on motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence) ; and a

Resolve authorizing the payment of a sewer assessment on the the property of the State lunatic hospital at Worcester (amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend an act for the encouragement of useful fishes ; and

In addition to an act to regulate the leasing of great ponds for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in relation to the descent of property and to the rights of husband and wife, was read and debated. On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston the bill was amended by striking out the first section. The title was also amended, on motion of Mr. Mason of Plymouth, to read, "an act in relation to the rights of husband and wife." The bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 28, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Moors of Greenfield.

Petitions Presented.

Methuen and
Lawrence.

. By Mr. Parker of Methuen, the petition of James Walton and 26 others of Methuen, for the annexation of that

town to Lawrence. Referred to the committee on Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the petition of Austin Phelps and 26 others, professors and students of the Andover Theological Seminary, for a separate prison for female convicts. Ordered to be placed on file with the report of the committee on that subject. Prison for women.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petitions of E. T. Miles and others of Fitchburg, and of C. S. Merriam and others of Westminster, in favor of a new county. Also, the New county.

Petition of E. P. Young and 135 others of Fitchburg, in aid of the petition of T. K. Ware and others, for a new county.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

The reports :

Of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to allowing churches to select a board of trustees to hold their property ; and Church property.

Of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the city of Boston, for the establishment of a state normal school in Boston, severally accepted by the Senate, were read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday. Boston—state normal school.

Bills :

To establish and confirm the judgment and order of the county commissioners of Middlesex County, concerning the railway crossing and passenger station in Natick ; Natick passenger station.

To establish the Boston Water Board ; and Boston Water Board.

To authorize the appointment of a surveyor-general of lumber and the establishment of a lumber district, severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary. Surveyor-General of lumber.

Resolves :

Providing for the expense of altering and refitting the building in Pemberton Square in Boston ; and State building in Pemberton Square.

In favor of Mary Rosannah Burke, severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred in course to the committee on Finance. Mary R. Burke.

Reports of Committees.

Groton.

Mr. Mason of Boston, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of the selectmen of Groton, reported a bill to legalize certain doings of the town of Groton.

Truancy.

Mr. Field of Leominster, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the report of the Board of Education, reported a bill to amend chapters 262 and 279 of the acts of 1873, relating to truancy and school attendance.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To incorporate the Mechanics' Savings Bank in Boston ;
(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Extending the equity powers of the supreme judicial court ;

To supply the city of Newton with water ; and

To incorporate the First Religious Society in Blandford ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The reports :

Of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on the petition of Winthrop E. Perry and others, for an act to make valid a certain title ; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw on the petitions of Eleazer Austin and others, J. B. Gifford and others, Luther Ladd and others, and of S. McDonald and others, for an amendment of chapter 150 of the General Statutes, relative to liens on buildings and land ;

Were severally accepted.

The reports :

Of the committee on Towns, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to the expediency of re-annexing the town of Nahant to the city of Lynn ; and

Of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage leave to withdraw on the petition of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation, for authority to take water from Hammond's Pond, in Newton ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The reports :

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on the petition of A. G. Clark and others, to be incorporated as the Merrimack Steam Navigation Company ; and

Of the committee on Fisheries, leave to withdraw on the petition of George B. Richmond and others ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

Relating to the county law library associations ;

In addition to an act concerning witnesses in criminal prosecutions in other states ;

To authorize the trustees of the House of the Angel Guardian to hold additional estate ;

To authorize cemetery corporations to hold funds in trust for the care of lots ;

In addition to an act to provide for the attendance of constables at sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend an act establishing the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation was read, and amended on motion of Messrs. Palmer of Boston and Robinson of Chicopee, and, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend an act for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities, was read, but on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, its further consideration was postponed until to-morrow.

The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the bill to amend an act for the abatement of a nuisance in the city of Cambridge, and for the preservation of the public health in said city, in accordance with the report of the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

Relating to sales of real estate by executors and administrators in certain cases ; and

Relating to sales of land on execution ;

Were read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to regulate fishing in the Connecticut and Merrimack Rivers was read, and amended on motion of Mr.

Kimball of Boston, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to authorize the town of Beverly to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debt, was read and debated. Mr. Kimball of Boston proposed an amendment.

Pending the consideration of the bill, the House, at forty minutes before 12 o'clock,
Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 30, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

John Farren.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, the petition of Isaac P. Clark, guardian, that state aid may be allowed to his ward, John Farran. Referred to the committee on Claims.

School superintendents.

By Mr. Winslow of Worcester, the petitions of W. W. Rice and others, and of Samuel V. Stone and others of Worcester; by Mr. Knox of Lawrence, the petition of John K. Tarbox and others of Lawrence; by Mr. Savage of Taunton, the petition of William H. Fox and others of Taunton; by Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, the petition of Emory Washburn and others of Cambridge; by Mr. Phillips of Springfield, the petition of J. E. Taylor and others of Springfield; and by Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, the petition of W. H. Learned and others,—all for an amendment of section 35, chapter 38 of the General Statutes, respecting the office of superintendent of schools.

Severally referred to the committee on Education.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Prison for women.

By Mr. Carrier of Newburyport, the petition of Mrs. John Gray and 25 other ladies of Newburyport, for a separate prison for female convicts. Ordered to be placed on file with the report of the committee on that subject.

New county.

By Mr. Field of Leominster, the petition of J. King and others of Leominster, in favor of a new county, to be called Lincoln.

By Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the petitions of Howes Norris and 19 others, citizens of Edgartown, and of Daniel Fisher and 260 others, citizens of Dukes County, for a change in the present law relative to county and special commissioners in Dukes County. Dukes County commissioners.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of authorizing cities and towns which have accepted any statutes in relation to laying out streets under the betterment principle, the construction of sidewalks and assessments thereunder, and other similar statutes in relation to other matter, to suspend the operation of such statutes, or any of them, in their respective cities or towns. Streets—betterment law.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Relating to trustees of Methodist Episcopal Churches ; Methodist Church trustees.
and

In relation to the Boston Normal School in the city of Boston ; Boston Normal School.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the Senate order relative to granting further time to joint committees and committees of the Senate, in which to make their reports, was taken from the table and so much of it as related to joint committees was adopted in concurrence. Committee reports.

Engrossed bills :

To fix the salary of the clerk of the district court of central Berkshire ; Bills passed.

To fix the salary of the clerk of the district court of southern Berkshire ;

To fix the salary of the treasurer of the county of Dukes County ;

Concerning Malden bridge ;

Providing for an increase in the number of assistant-watchmen employed at the state prison ;

To incorporate the Old Colony Steamboat Company ;

To establish the salary of the assistant attorney-general ;

To cede jurisdiction to the United States over the sites of certain lighthouses ;

To authorize the trustees of Nichols Academy to mortgage real estate ;

To authorize the Menauhant Land and Wharf Company to construct a wharf in Falmouth ;

To authorize the city of Chelsea to maintain floating bath-houses ;

To revive the charter of the Exeter and Salisbury Railway Company, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To amend an act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes ; and

Concerning the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-minded Youth ; and

To confirm a deed made by the administrator of the estate of Joel Pierce, deceased ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Towns—counsel
in legislative
matters.

Mr. Mason of Boston, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of William Aspinwall, for a law to enable towns to appear by counsel before the General Court, either on behalf of, or in opposition to, petitions pending therein, and to appropriate money therefor, reported leave to withdraw. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Harvey Scud-
der.

Mr. Cushing of Hingham, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of Harvey Scudder and others, reported a bill to authorize Harvey Scudder, William I. Bride and C. M. Clapp to construct a wharf in Barnstable.

Liens on build-
ings and lands.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Robert T. Paine, Jr., reported a bill relating to liens on buildings and land.

Mary R. Burke.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on

Finance, to whom was referred the Senate resolve in favor of Mary Rosannah Burke, reported that it ought to pass in a new draft.

These bills and resolve were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill relating to the municipal courts of the city of Boston, reported that it ought to pass. Boston municipal courts.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to alter the judicial districts of the district court of eastern Hampden and the police court of Springfield, reported that it ought to pass. District court of Eastern Hampden.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, reported that the bill in addition to, and amendatory of, an act authorizing the construction of a new state prison building, ought to pass, with an amendment. New state prison.

Mr. Jenkins of Abington, from the same committee, reported that the resolve to furnish certain documents and standard weights and measures to the town of Rockland, ought to pass. Rockland.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported that the resolve in favor of John E. Bulmer ought to pass. John E. Bulmer.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the same committee, reported that the bill concerning the police court of Chelsea ought to pass. Chelsea Police Court.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported that the resolve providing for the erection of workshops and a blacksmith-shop at the state prison ought to pass. State prison.

Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the same committee, reported that the Senate resolve relative to the claims of Charles Burleigh ought to pass. Charles Burleigh.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported that the Senate resolve providing for the expense of refitting a building in Pemberton Square ought to pass. State building in Pemberton Square.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported that the bill to establish the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Haverhill ought to pass. Haverhill Police Court.

Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, from the same committee, reported that the resolve providing for the preparation of a new catalogue of the State Library ought to pass. State library catalogue.

These bills and resolves were severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Natick.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve to furnish the town of Natick with a set of standard weights and measures, reported that it ought not to pass.

Taunton.

Mr. Hayes of Medford, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the bill to establish a street sprinkling department in the city of Taunton, reported that it ought not to pass.

This resolve and bill were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on their rejection.

Abington—
town meeting.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Marcus Reed and another selectman of the town of Abington, that said town may be authorized to hold an annual meeting, reported a bill to authorize the town of Abington to hold a second annual meeting for the present year.

On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were suspended, and the bill took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The reports :

Of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to allowing churches to select a board of trustees to hold their property ; and

Of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw on the petition of the city of Boston for the establishment of a state normal school in Boston ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To amend an act for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities ;

To legalize certain doings of the town of Groton ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof, was read and amended in accordance with a report of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Pending a motion to amend the title of the bill, on motion of Mr. Dickinson of Amherst, it was laid on the table.

The bill to authorize the town of Beverly to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debt, was further considered. The amendment proposed by Mr. Kimball of Boston was rejected, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend an act establishing the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation ;

To authorize cemetery corporations to hold funds in trust for the care of lots ; and

In addition to an act to provide for the attendance of constables at sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Relating to the county law library associations ;

In addition to an act concerning witnesses in criminal prosecutions in other states ; and

To authorize the trustees of the House of the Angel Guardian to hold additional estate ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to amend chapters 262 and 279 of the acts of 1873, relating to truancy and school attendance, was read and considered.

Mr. Adams of Quincy raised the point of order, that, Point of order. under the 47th rule of the House, it was not competent for the committee on Education to report this bill ; that the first section of the bill covered the same ground as a petition on which leave to withdraw had been reported by the committee on the Judiciary, the report having been accepted by the House. The petition referred to was that of the school committee of the city of Cambridge for an amendment of chapter 262 of the acts of 1873, so as to authorize truant officers to make arrests and serve civil processes in the performance of their duty, and the report of the committee on the Judiciary was accepted March 20, 1874.

The Speaker ruled, that it was obvious upon a comparison of the petition and the first section of the bill, that the subject-matter, or (to use the language of the 47th rule) the "*measure*" contemplated by both was "*substantially the same*." The acceptance by the House of the

report of the committee on the Judiciary (leave to withdraw) on the petition, must be considered as a final rejection of the petition and of the measure contemplated by it. The rule provides that, after such rejection, "*no measure substantially the same shall be introduced by any committee or member during the same session.*" The committee on Education had, therefore (inadvertently, no doubt), infringed upon the rule by reporting the first section of the bill. Objection was not taken on this ground to the other sections; but it was not in the province of the Chair to amend or revise a report of a committee, and if any part was open to valid objection as against order, the whole must be excluded. The Chair must, therefore, rule that the bill was not properly before the House, but had no doubt that if the committee reporting the bill would consent to striking out the first section, no objection would be made to considering the rest of the bill upon its merits.

Mr. Adams of Quincy assented to this suggestion, but, on motion of Mr. Field of Leominster, the bill was, without objection, recommitted to the committee on Education.

At 4.25, the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 31, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Mattapoisett—
alewife fishery.

By Mr. Savery of Wareham, the petitions of the selectmen and 46 others of Marion; of W. E. Sparrow and 17 others, of John T. Atsatt and 59 others, of H. G. Bosworth and others of Mattapoisett, and of the selectmen and 87 others of Rochester,—all in aid of the petition of the selectmen of Mattapoisett relative to the alewife fishery in Mattapoisett.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

School super-
intendents.

By Mr. Higginbottom of Holyoke, the petition of the school committee of Holyoke for amendment of chapter 38, section 35 of the General Statutes respecting the

office of superintendent of schools. Referred to the committee on Education.

By Mr. Cummings of Woburn, the petition of Charles Choate and 460 others for amendment of the law taxing mortgaged property. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation. Taxation of mortgaged property.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg, the petition of C. F. Putnam and 52 others; by Mr. Field of Leominster, the petition of Albert Hill and others; and by Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of James Brown and 127 others—all of Fitchburg, in favor of a new county. New county.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Rich of Royalston, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule moved by him, a bill to change the name of the Cardany and Miller Furniture Company. Read, referred to the committee on Manufactures and sent up for concurrence. Cardany and Miller Furniture Co.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham,—

Ordered, That the several standing and special committees of the House be allowed until the tenth day of April next within which time to report upon the several matters referred to them. Committee reports.

Papers from the Senate.

The memorial of the selectmen of Arlington for authority to issue additional water bonds, and enclosing a vote of its citizens unanimously passed at a legal town meeting, was referred in concurrence, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Towns. Arlington—water bonds.

The message of His Excellency the Governor concerning a census of the Commonwealth, came down from the Senate with an indorsement that that branch non-concurred in the House reference to the committee on the Reports of Commissioners to the Vienna Exposition, and referred by that branch to the committee on the Labor Question. The House non-concurred in the action of the Senate. Census.

The bill to authorize a new bridge between Boston and Cambridge, came down with a Senate amendment in which the House concurred. Bridge between Boston and Cambridge.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

In addition to an act to regulate the leasing of Great Ponds for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes ;

To supply the town of Orange with pure water ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

To provide for increased station facilities at Attleborough ; and

In addition to an act establishing the city of Salem ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Wills.

Mr. Robinson of Newton, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to probate of wills not providing for children of the testator.

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Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the order relative to amending chapter 164, acts of 1861, concerning the waiving of provisions of wills by widows, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Mr. Banister of Worcester, from the committee on Banks and Banking, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of F. H. Smith and others, for a change in the laws relating to savings banks.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Medford—water bonds.

Mr. Bailey of Georgetown, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the town of Medford to issue additional water fund bonds, reported that it ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Shell-fisheries of Mount Hope Bay.

Mr. Howes of Dennis, from the committee on the Fisheries, on an order relative to amending chapter 195, acts of 1870, reported a bill to regulate the shell-fisheries of the waters of Mount Hope Bay and its tributaries. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Highways.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the apportionment of expense incurred by alteration of highways and town ways to avoid grade crossings of railroads, was, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, taken from the table and recommitted to that committee.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw on the petition of William Aspinwall, for a law to enable towns to appear by counsel before the General Court, either on behalf of, or in opposition to, petitions pending therein, and to appropriate money therefor, was accepted and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

Bills :

To authorize Harvey Scudder, William J. Bride and C. M. Clapp to construct a wharf in Barnstable ;

Relating to the municipal courts of the city of Boston (amended on motion of Mr. Olney of Boston) ;

To alter the judicial districts of the district court of eastern Hampden, and the police court of Springfield ;

Concerning the police court of Chelsea ;

To establish the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Haverhill ; and

Relating to trustees of Methodist Episcopal Churches ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill in addition to, and amendatory of, an act authorizing the construction of a new state prison building, was read. An amendment proposed by the committee on Finance was rejected, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill to establish a street sprinkling department in the city of Taunton, was rejected in accordance with the report of the committee on Towns.

Resolves :

To furnish certain documents and standard weights and measures to the town of Rockland ;

In favor of Mary Rosannah Burke ;

Providing for the preparation of a new catalogue of the state library ;

In favor of John E. Bulmer ; and

Providing for the expense of refitting a building in Pemberton Square ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve providing for the erection of workshops and a blacksmith shop at the state prison, was, on motion of Mr. Frost of Boston, discharged from the orders of the day and referred to the committee on Prisons.

The resolve to furnish the town of Natick with a set of

- standard weights and measures, was rejected in accordance with the report of the committee on Finance.

Bills :

To amend an act for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities ; and

To legalize certain doings of the town of Groton (amended on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned at 5 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, April 1, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Moors of Greenfield.

Petitions Presented.

Fairhaven and
New Bedford.

By Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, the remonstrance of Matthew Howland and 525 others ; and by Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, the remonstrance of Jonathan Bourne, Jr., and 200 others of New Bedford, against the annexation of Fairhaven to New Bedford.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

New county.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petitions of F. S. Coolidge and others of Westminster, and of Isaac Hartwell and others ; and by Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg, the petition of P. B. Kielty and others of Fitchburg, in favor of a new county.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Duties on coal.

The resolve concerning the abolition of duties on coal, was returned from the Senate, that branch insisting on its reference of the same to the committee on Federal Relations, and asking for a committee of conference. The House concurred in the request for a committee of conference, and Messrs. Codman of Boston, Adams of Quincy and Gay of Chelmsford were joined on its part.

A bill concerning the Plymouth County Railroad Company, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Plymouth
County Rail-
road Co.

Engrossed bills :

To regulate fishing in the Connecticut and Merrimack Rivers ; Bills passed.

To authorize the trustees of the House of the Angel Guardian to hold additional estate ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

To authorize the town of Abington to hold a second annual meeting for the present year ;

In addition to an act to establish the city of Newton ;

To incorporate the Needham Savings Bank ; and

To provide for holding additional terms of the probate court in Amherst in the county of Hampshire ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to establish the Boston Water Board, reported that it ought to pass. Boston Water
Board.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill in addition to an act, entitled an act concerning manufacturing and other corporations, reported that it ought to pass. Corporations.

These bills were severally placed in the orders of the day for Friday for a second reading.

Mr. Hayes of Medford, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of James Greenough and others, for a change of boundary line between Brookline and Boston, and sundry petitions in aid thereof and a remonstrance against the same, reported leave to withdraw. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Friday. Brookline
boundary line.

Mr. Granger of Boston, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, on the petition of W. and F. Shanly, reported a bill to authorize the governor and council to expend a sum not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars, in constructing archways in the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance. Hoosac Tunnel
archways.

Service of writs.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to authorizing courts to issue further process, reported a bill in relation to the defective service of writs and other civil process.

Quarter-mill school fund.

Mr. Moors of Greenfield, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the annual report of the Board of Education, reported a bill to establish a quarter-mill school fund for the support of schools.

Trout.

Mr. Howes of Dennis, from the committee on the Fisheries, to whom was recommitted the Senate bill relative to catching trout, reported a bill to amend chapter 384 of the acts of 1869, by repealing section 38 and substituting a new section, to be numbered 28, being a new draft of the same.

Register of probate for Hampshire.

Mr. Robinson of Newton, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order relative to legalizing the acts of the register of probate for Hampshire County, reported a resolve confirming the acts of Luke Lyman, Register of Probate and Insolvency for Hampshire County.

These bills and the resolve were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The reports of the committee on Probate and Chancery :
Inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to probate of wills not providing for children of the testator ; and

Inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to waiving provisions of wills by widows ;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw on the petition of T. H. Smith and others, for a change in the laws relating to savings banks, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in relation to the Boston normal school in the city of Boston, was read and debated. Amendments proposed by Messrs. Wilson of Boston and Field of Leominster were adopted, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize Harvey Scudder, William J. Bride and C. M. Clapp to construct a wharf in Barnstable ;

To alter the judicial districts of the district court of eastern Hampden, and the police court of Springfield ;

- Concerning the police court of Chelsea ; and
 • To establish the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Haverhill ; and

Resolves :

To furnish certain documents and standard weights and measures to the town of Rockland (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, by striking out the proviso at the end of the resolve) ;

In favor of Mary Rosannah Burke ;

Providing for the preparation of a new catalogue of the state library ; and

In favor of John E. Bulmer ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill relating to trustees of Methodist Episcopal Churches ; and the

Resolve providing for the expense of refitting a building in Pemberton Square ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolve relative to the claims of Charles Burleigh, was read and debated. Mr. Robinson of Chicopee proposed two amendments, but pending the consideration of the resolve, the House at 5 o'clock

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 3, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Hamilton of Boston.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Davis of Cambridge, the petition of George W. Cram and others, for the annexation of Cambridge to Boston. Annexation of Cambridge to Boston.

By Mr. Parker of New Bedford, the petitions of Robert C. Pitman and 187 others of New Bedford, and of Henry H. Fisher and others, in aid of the petition of Thomas Nye, Jr., and others, for the annexation of Fairhaven to New Bedford. Annexation of Fairhaven to New Bedford.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Just and equal
taxation.

By Mr. Mayhew of Charlemont, the petition of F. S. Davenport and 42 others of Shelburne Falls; by Mr. Covenoy of Cambridge, the petition of George W. Thomas and 144 others of Wakefield; and by Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, the petition of J. W. Crane and 288 others,—all for just and equal taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on that subject.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton,—

Filing of peti-
tions for dam-
ages.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing that the filing of petitions for assessment of damages sustained by the laying out of highways, the taking of lands for railroads or school-houses, for the abatement of assessments for benefits by reason of the laying out public ways, of assessments for drains or sidewalks and other kindred subjects, may be filed with the clerk of the court or the clerk of the county commissioners when the same are not in session, and that such filing shall be deemed the commencement of proceedings.

On motion of Mr. Gleason of Watertown,—

Fire inquests.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 303 of the acts of 1867, so as to provide that fire inquests may be held at any time within six months after the fire.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Worcester—
slaughter-
houses.

To authorize the city of Worcester to take and hold land for slaughter-houses and other purposes;

Offal.

To prohibit conveying offal of slaughtered animals through public streets and highways in the daytime; and

Testimony of
experts.

Concerning the testimony of experts;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Salisbury
Beach Plank
Road Co.

A bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Salisbury Beach Plank Road Company, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Census.

The message of His Excellency the Governor concerning a census of the Commonwealth, was returned from the Senate, that branch having insisted on its reference of the same to the committee on the Labor Question, and asking

for a committee of conference. The House concurred in the request for a committee of conference, and Messrs. Hale of Boston, Mason of Plymouth and Crocker of Boston, were appointed in its part.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Hayes of Medford, from the committee on Towns, asked to be discharged from further consideration of the order relative to legalizing the election of town officers where the check-list was not used, and recommended its reference to the committee on the Judiciary. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence. Town elections.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order in regard to legislation in relation to the attachment of the personal property of a copartnership in suits against the members of the copartnership individually. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Suits against partners.

Mr. Williams of Brookline, from the committee on Railways, on an order concerning a modification of section 3, of chapter 325, acts of 1870, reported a bill to authorize towns and cities to subscribe for, and hold stock in, railroad corporations. Read and ordered to a second reading. Towns—subscription to railroad stock.

Mr. Cummings of Woburn, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was recommitted the Senate bill to incorporate the Bass River Savings Bank, reported that the same ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading. Bass River Savings Bank.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to amend section 5 of chapter 66 of the General Statutes, in relation to agricultural societies, reported that it ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow. Agricultural societies.

Engrossed bills :

To amend an act for the abatement of a nuisance in the city of Cambridge, and for the preservation of the public health in said city ; Bills passed.

To revive the Rockland Bank of Roxbury for certain purposes ;

In addition to acts in relation to smelt fisheries ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;) and

In addition to an act concerning witnesses in criminal prosecutions in other states ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Quarter-mill
school fund.

The bill to establish a quarter-mill school fund for the support of schools, was, on motion of Mr. Moors of Greenfield, discharged from the orders of the day, and laid upon the table.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The bill to regulate the shell-fisheries of the waters of Mount Hope Bay and its tributaries ; and the

Resolve confirming the acts of Luke Lyman, Register of Probate and Insolvency for Hampshire County ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the town of Medford to issue additional water fund bonds, was read, and on motion of Mr. Bailey of Georgetown, was recommitted to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

The resolve relative to the claims of Charles Burleigh was further considered. After debate, on motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton, the resolve was recommitted to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

The bill relating to liens on buildings and lands was read. Amendments proposed by Messrs. Knox of Lawrence, Perkins of Boston and Robinson of Newton, were adopted, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The bill relating to the municipal courts of the city of Boston, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in relation to the Boston normal school in the city of Boston, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned at 4.55.

SATURDAY, April 4, 1874.

Met according to adjournment, Mr. Adams of Quincy presiding in the absence of the Speaker.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Harris of Wrentham, the petition of A. N. Hoxie and 29 others, for a modification of the law relating to pedlers. Referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Pedlers.

By Mr. Wilson of Boston, the remonstrances of W. H. Watson and 39 other citizens; of Mrs. Dorcas H. Ryder and 27 mothers and daughters of Massachusetts; of Mrs. Isaac Bird and 52 mothers and daughters, and of Isaac Bird and 25 others, citizens of Great Barrington,—all against an amendment to the constitution authorizing female suffrage.

Woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petitions of L. W. Conant and others of Leominster; of S. P. Emory and others of Fitchburg; and by Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg, the petition of J. O. Parker and others of Shirley, in favor of a new county.

New county.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, presented the petition of the mayor of Boston for the annexation of a part of Brookline to the city of Boston, and moved its reference to the committee on Towns. The Speaker ruled that it came within the provisions of the 20th joint rule. Mr. Kimball moved a suspension of the rule, but at his own request his motion was laid on the table.

Annexation of a part of Brookline to Boston.

Mr. Dacey of Boston asked leave to introduce a bill amendatory of chapter 121 of the General Statutes. At the request of Mr. Codman of Boston, the bill was laid over until Monday.

Court officers.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of authorizing the superior court and county commissioners to grant amendments to petitions for assessment of damages, or for abatement or revision of assessments, and to admit as new parties part owners of the

Petitions for assessment of damages.

land taken, although the time within which such party might file a new petition has elapsed.

Papers from the Senate.

Boston—South-
ern district
municipal court.

A bill to establish the salary of the clerk of the municipal court for the southern district of the city of Boston, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Depositions.

The House bill in relation to taking depositions to perpetuate testimony, came down amended by the Senate, and it was referred under the rule to the same committee.

Resolves :

Patrick Buck-
ley.
Patrick Haley.

In favor of Patrick Buckley ; and

In favor of Patrick Haley ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Reports of Committees.

Natick—rail-
road passenger
station.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to establish and confirm the judgment and order of the county commissioners of Middlesex County concerning the railroad crossing and passenger station in Natick, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being on its rejection.

Worcester
sewers and
drains.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill to amend chapter 106 of the acts of 1867, relating to sewers and drains in the city of Worcester, reported that it ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Monday.

Board of State
Charities.

Mr. Carleton of Haverhill, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of abolishing the Board of State Charities.

Beverly Gas-
Light Co.

Mr. Cheney of Orange, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the Beverly Gas-Light Company, for authority to issue bonds, reported leave to withdraw.

Ashland and
Hopkinton.

Mr. Rich of Royalston, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of James Hogan and others, for a change of the line dividing Ashland and Hopkinton, reported leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexperienced to legislate on the order in regard to legislation in relation to the attachment of the personal property of a copartnership in suits against the members of the copartnership individually, was accepted. Orders of the day.

The bill to incorporate the Bass River Savings Bank, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In relation to the defective service of writs and other civil process ;

In addition to an act, entitled an act concerning manufacturing and other corporations ; and

In addition to an act to incorporate the Salisbury Beach Plank Road Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve confirming the acts of Luke Lyman, Register of Probate and Insolvency for Hampshire County, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw on the petition of James Greenough and others, for a change of boundary line between Brookline and Boston, was, on motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton, discharged from the orders of the day and laid upon the table.

The bill in addition to, and amendatory of, an act authorizing the construction of a new state prison building, was read and debated. Amendments were proposed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and by Mr. Kimball of Boston. Mr. Kimball also moved to recommit the bill to the committee on Prisons with instructions to consider whether all necessary conveniences cannot be secured at the prison at Charlestown by an enlargement of the area of the enclosure, and by additions to, and improvements of, the prison buildings and shops.

Pending the consideration of the bill, the House at 11.55 Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 6, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Methuen and
Lawrence.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, the petition of Leverett Bradley and 21 others, in aid of the petition for the annexation of a portion of the town of Methuen to the city of Lawrence. Referred to the committee on Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

New county.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of Stillman D. Benjamin and 45 others of Shirley, in favor of a new county from Worcester and Middlesex Counties. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Introduced on Leave.

Court officers.

The bill amendatory of chapter 121 of the General Statutes, which Mr. Dacey of Boston asked leave to introduce on Saturday, and which was laid over, was introduced and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Order.

Divorce.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing that a husband or wife who has been deserted by the other may obtain a divorce from bed and board, or the bonds of matrimony, although such desertion has not continued three years at the time of the filing of the libel.

Papers from the Senate.

Worcester
police.

A bill respecting the police of the city of Worcester, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Boston High-
lands Masonic
Building As-
sociation.

A bill to incorporate the Boston Highlands Masonic Building Association, introduced on leave under a suspension of the 20th joint rule in the Senate, in which the House concurred, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Kenoza Street
Railway Co.

A bill extending rights under the charter of the Kenoza Street Railway Company of Haverhill, also introduced on leave under a suspension of the 20th joint rule in the

Senate, in which the House concurred, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

The remonstrance of Henry Mosher and 34 others of Mattapoisett, against the petition of the selectmen of that town, in respect to the alewife fishery, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Fisheries. Mattapoisett alewife fishery.

The reports :

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on the petition of the mayor of Boston, for the passage of an act amending the laws in relation to the sealing of weights and measures ; and Weights and measures.

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on the petition of John M. Tobin, for reimbursement of money paid for Co. E, 9th Regiment, M. V. M., on account of taxes, rent, etc. ; Ninth Regiment.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

Relating to the County Law Library Associations ;
(Which originated in the Senate ;)

To authorize the New Bedford Railroad Company to lease its road ;

To provide for the appointment of an assistant clerk of the central district court of Worcester ;

To amend the laws in regard to attachments disputed by persons having subsequent liens ;

In relation to mutual fire insurance companies ;

To authorize the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company to establish and support a ferry ;

To change the time of holding probate courts in Hampden County ;

Providing for the election of treasurers of fire districts, and to amend chapter 24 of the General Statutes ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve in favor of the widow of James M. Bunker (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Gay of Chelmsford, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, to whom was referred the bill to Cambridge—Alewife Brook.

authorize the city of Cambridge to construct and maintain tide-gates across Alewife Brook, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Boston—Stony Brook.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the bill to authorize the city of Boston to improve Stony Brook and its tributaries, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment. The bill was placed in the orders for to-morrow, the question being on its engrossment.

Somerville.

Mr. Hayes of Medford, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of the city of Somerville for an amendment of its charter, reported a bill in addition to an act to establish the city of Somerville.

Swan and Middleton Ponds.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, to whom was referred the petition of J. R. Langley and others for authority to take water from Swan and Middleton Ponds in North Reading, reported a bill to supply the town of Danvers with pure water.

Danvers—water supply.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Brookline and Boston.

The report of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw on the petition of James Greenough and others, for a change of boundary line between Brookline and Boston, was, on motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline, taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Towns—subscription to railroad stock.

The bill to authorize towns and cities to subscribe for and hold stock in railroad corporations, was, on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, discharged from the orders of the day and recommitted to the committee on Railways.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The reports :

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of abolishing the Board of State Charities ;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on the petition of the Beverly Gas-Light Company, for authority to issue bonds ; and

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw on the petition of James Hogan and others, for a change of the line dividing Ashland and Hopkinton ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to amend chapter 106 of the acts of 1867, relating to sewers and drains in the city of Worcester, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to incorporate the Bass River Savings Bank, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in addition to, and amendatory of, an act authorizing the construction of a new state prison building, was further debated. The motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston to recommit with instructions was withdrawn by him. The amendment reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was adopted.

Mr. Knox of Lawrence raised the point of order that the amendment proposed by Mr. Kimball of Boston to repeal chapter 155 of the acts of 1873, was not germane to the bill. The Speaker ruled that whether the point might have been well taken, when the amendment was proposed, or not, it was too late to raise the question after the consideration of the amendment had occupied the attention of the House a portion of two sessions. Point of order.

Pending the consideration of the amendments, the House at 4.45

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 7, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Chadbourne of Boston.

Mr. Billings of Sharon presented the vote of the town of Sharon, remonstrating against any change of the boundary line between Walpole and Sharon. Referred to the committee on Towns and sent up for concurrence. Sharon and Walpole.

Orders.

Mr. Parker of New Bedford offered the following order, which was laid over until to-morrow, at the request of Mr. Codman of Boston :—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 44 of the acts of 1865, relating to the discharge of convicts, so as to provide for the discharge of poor convicts under two or more sentences. Convicts.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg offered the following order, which was laid over until to-morrow, at the request of Mr. Adams of Quincy :—

Land damages
by streets.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of authorizing parties whose lands or estates have been taken for the laying out, widening or alteration of streets, town ways or highways, to apply for a jury to assess their damages, at any time within one year after said lands or estate, or any part thereof, have been actually entered upon for the purpose of constructing such street or way.

Reports of Committees.

Stacking of
muskets.

Mr. Derby of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of adopting the hook band for stacking muskets.

Superior court
of Suffolk.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of John P. Manning, assistant clerk of the superior court for criminal business of the county of Suffolk, for an increase of salary, reported, at the request of petitioner, that the petition be referred to the next General Court.

Qualification of
electors.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to repealing chapter 206, acts of 1867, being an act in addition to an act concerning the qualifications of electors.

Emily F. Wood.

Mr. Gates of Groton, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Emily F. Wood for state aid, reported leave to withdraw.

Chas. P.
Brooks.

Mr. Bassett of Easthampton, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Charles P. Brooks, for payment for work on the state house, reported leave to withdraw.

J. C. Vaughn.

Mr. Smalley of Harwich, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of J. C. Vaughn for payment of state bounty, reported leave to withdraw.

Amherst Gas-
Light Co.

Mr. Cheney of Orange, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to extending the time for organizing the Amherst Gas-Light Company.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to authorize the appointment of a surveyor-general of lumber, and the establishment of a lumber district, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill amending chapter 294 of the acts of 1872, authorizing the county commissioners of Hampden County to take land for court-house purposes, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill relative to proceedings affecting the title to real estate, reported the same in a new draft.

Mr. Bishop of Newton, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the North Weymouth Fire District, reported a bill to dissolve said district.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported a bill to change the name of the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury, on the petition of said institution.

Mr. Britton of Wakefield, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on the petition of Julius Rockwell and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Lenox Water Company.

Mr. Moore of Concord, from the committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred a communication from the board of agriculture relative to fertilizers, reported a bill concerning commercial fertilizers.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Engrossed bills :

In addition to an act for supplying the town of Pittsfield with pure water ;

To amend chapter 265 of the acts of the year 1867, concerning the preservation of records of town proprietaries ; and

In addition to an act incorporating the Monadnock Railroad Company ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves :
In favor of Catherine Harvey ;
In favor of Elizabeth Martindale ;
In favor of John McGrath ;
In favor of Mary L. Tarbox ; and
In favor of Nehemiah C. Fernald ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The reports :

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on the petition of the mayor of Boston, for the passage of an act amending the laws in relation to the sealing of weights and measures ; and

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on the petition of John M. Tobin, for reimbursement of money paid for Co. E, 9th Regiment, M. V. M., on account of taxes, rent, etc. ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To amend section 5 of chapter 66 of the General Statutes, in relation to agricultural societies ;

In addition to an act to establish the city of Somerville ;

To supply the town of Danvers with pure water ; and

To authorize the city of Cambridge to construct and maintain tide-gates across Alewife Brook (amended as recommended by the committee on Water Supply and Drainage) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to establish the Boston Water Board, was read. Amendments proposed by Messrs. Dacey and Shaw of Boston were rejected, an amendment proposed by Mr. Hale of Boston was adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend chapter 384 of the acts of 1869 by repealing section 38 and substituting a new section, to be numbered 28, was read, and amendments proposed by Mr. Codman of Boston were adopted, and on his motion the title was amended to read "an act for the protection of

trout, land-locked salmon and lake trout." The bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning the Plymouth County Railroad Company, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In addition to an act to incorporate the Salisbury Beach Plank Road Company ;

In addition to an act, entitled an act concerning manufacturing and other corporations (severally amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

Were read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

Relating to liens on buildings and lands (amended on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston) ;

In relation to the defective service of writs and other civil processes ;

Were read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to regulate the shell-fisheries of the waters of Mount Hope Bay and its tributaries, was read. Amendments proposed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River were adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in addition to, and amendatory of, an act authorizing the construction of a new state prison building, was further debated. The previous question was ordered on motion of Mr. Derby of Boston. The first amendment proposed by Mr. Kimball of Boston was lost. The gentleman withdrew his second amendment, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to establish and confirm the judgment and order of the county commissioners of Middlesex County concerning the railroad crossing and passenger station in Natick, was debated, the question being on its rejection in accordance with the report of the committee on the Judiciary.

Pending the consideration of bill the House at 5.15
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 9, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Chadbourne of Boston.

Petitions Presented.

New Marlboro'. By Mr. Gibson of New Marlborough, the petition of the selectmen of New Marlborough, for compensation for expenses incurred in support of Ellen Williams, a state pauper. Referred to the committee on Claims, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston,—

Committee reports.

Ordered, That the time be extended from April 10th, until April 20th, in which the joint standing and special committees shall report on the matters referred to them.

Sent up for concurrence.

Convicts.

The order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 44 of the acts of 1865, relating to the discharge of poor convicts, offered by Mr. Parker of New Bedford on Tuesday and laid over, was adopted and sent up for concurrence.

Land damages by streets.

The order relative to assessment of damages by a jury for lands taken for highways, etc., offered by Mr. Loring of Fitchburg on Tuesday and laid over, was adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society.

A bill to incorporate the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society, introduced on leave and referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies by the Senate, was laid on the table, pending the question of concurring with the Senate in the suspension of the 20th joint rule to admit the bill.

Lee police court.

The House bill to fix the salary of the justice of the police court of Lee, came down with a Senate amendment in which the House concurred.

Bridge over Ipswich River.

Mr. Hull of Ipswich presented the petition of C. A. Sayward and others, for a bridge over Ipswich River.

The Speaker ruled that it came within the provisions of the 20th joint rule, and the gentleman moved a suspension of the rule, but the motion was lost. Mr. Hale of Boston subsequently moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby

the House refused to suspend the rule, and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A resolution of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, protesting against a repeal or mutilation of the prohibitory law, and the enactment of a license law; also a communication from the Methodist preachers of Boston and vicinity containing a similar resolution, were read, and, on motion of Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, placed on file.

The report of the committee of conference on the disagreement between the two branches as to the reference of the message from His Excellency the Governor concerning a state census, came from the Senate, the committee recommending that it be referred to a joint special committee. The report was accepted in concurrence.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

In relation to discharged convicts ;

To authorize Harvey Scudder, William J. Bride and C. M. Clapp to construct a wharf in Barnstable ;

In addition to an act to provide for the attendance of constables at sessions of the municipal courts of the city of Boston ;

To authorize a new bridge between Boston and Cambridge ;

To legalize certain doings of the town of Groton ;

To amend an act establishing the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation ;

To authorize the town of Beverly to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debt ;

To provide for the appointment of a second assistant district attorney for the Suffolk district ;

To amend an act for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Relating to trustees of Methodist Episcopal Churches ;

To incorporate the Bass River Savings Bank ; and

In relation to the Boston normal school in the city of Boston ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves :
 In favor of Joseph McEvoy ;
 In aid of discharged female prisoners ;
 In favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary ;
 In favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau ;
 (Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)
 Authorizing the payment of a sewer assessment on the property of the state lunatic hospital at Worcester ; and
 Providing for the expense of refitting a building in Pemberton Square ;
 (Which severally originated in the Senate ;)
 Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Sewers and
drains.

Mr. Barry of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to amending chapter 304 of the acts of 1873, so far as relates to the direction, nature and outlet of the main drains and sewers therein alluded to, with certain remonstrances thereto.

Boston and
Albany R. R.
Co.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the annual report of the state directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad, reported that no legislation is necessary, and asked to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

Chauncy Hall
School.

Mr. House of North Bridgewater, from the committee on Education, on the petition of T. Cushing and others for incorporation as the Chauncy Hall School, at the request of the petitioners reported that it be referred to the next General Court.

These reports were severally accepted under a suspension of the rule and sent up for concurrence.

Probate office
of Suffolk—
clerkships.

Mr. Robinson of Newton, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to establishing official clerkships in the probate office of the county of Suffolk.

This report was also accepted under a suspension of the rule.

John Mangen.

Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of John Mangen, reported that it ought to pass.

Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the same committee, on the petition of Harriet E. Stone, reported a resolve in her favor.

Harriet E.
Stone.

Mr. Carleton of Haverhill, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the memorial of Samuel C. Cobb and others, reported a bill in addition to an act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth.

New lunatic
hospital.

Mr. Clark of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Senate bill to establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampden, reported that it ought to pass in a new draft.

Hampden Co.—
register of
probate.

These bills and resolves were severally referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Howard of North Bridgewater, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of Silas Sawyer and others, reported a bill to enable the First Parish in Berlin to sell a piece of land.

First Parish of
Berlin.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the mayor of Lynn, reported a bill to regulate the compensation of sealers of weights and measures in cities and towns.

Sealers of
weights and
measures.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the same committee, on the petition of Honora Gray and others, reported a resolve to confirm and make valid a deed made by the administrator of the estate of Richard Stickney, deceased.

Richard Stick-
ney.

Mr. Mason of Boston, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of William Aspinwall, reported a bill to authorize cities and towns to erect and maintain public baths and wash-houses.

Public wash-
houses.

These bills and resolve were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill for the better support of wives and minor children, reported that it ought not to pass.

Support of
wives.

Mr. Bailey of Georgetown, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill to authorize the town of Medford to issue additional water-fund bonds, reported that it ought not to pass.

Medford—
water bonds.

These bills were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on their rejection.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The reports :

Of the committee on Military Affairs, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of adopting the hook-band for stacking muskets ;

Of the committee on Claims, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Emily F. Wood, for state aid ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw on the petition of Charles P. Brooks, for payment for work on the state house ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw on the petition of J. C. Vaughn, for payment of state bounty ; and

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to extending the time for organizing the Amherst Gas-Light Company ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Reference to the next General Court, on the petition of John P. Manning, assistant clerk of the superior court for criminal business of the county of Suffolk, for an increase of salary ; and

Inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to repealing chapter 206, acts of 1867, being an act in addition to an act concerning the qualifications of electors ;

Were severally accepted.

The bill to authorize the appointment of a surveyor-general of lumber, and the establishment of a lumber district, was rejected in accordance with the report of the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

Amending chapter 294 of the acts of 1872, authorizing the county commissioners of Hampden County to take land for court-house purposes (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary) ;

Relative to proceedings affecting the title to real estate ;

To incorporate the Lenox Water Company ;

To change the name of the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury ;

To dissolve the North Weymouth Fire District ; and

Concerning commercial fertilizers ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To amend chapter 106 of the acts of 1867, relating to sewers and drains in the city of Worcester ;

To establish the Boston Water Board ;

Concerning the Plymouth County Railroad Company (amended on motion of Mr. Killam of Hanover) ;

To amend section 5 of chapter 66 of the General Statutes, in relation to agricultural societies ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

For the protection of trout, land-locked salmon and lake trout ;

To authorize the city of Cambridge to construct and maintain tide-gates across Alewife Brook ;

In addition to an act to establish the city of Somerville ;

To supply the town of Danvers with pure water ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the city of Boston to improve Stony Brook and its tributaries was read, amended as recommended by the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to establish and confirm the judgment and order of the county commissioners of Middlesex County, concerning the railroad crossing and passenger station in Natick, was considered. Its rejection, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, was negatived, and it was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

The report of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw on the petition of James Greenough and others, for a change of boundary line between Brookline and Boston, was considered. Mr. Kimball of Boston moved to amend by substituting a bill therefor, entitled "an act to annex a portion of the town of Brookline to the city of Boston." The bill was read, substituted for the report, and ordered to a second reading.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 10, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Chadbourne of Boston.

*Petitions Presented.*Fitchburg—city
charter.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of the city council of Fitchburg, for amendment of the city charter. The Speaker ruled that it came within the provisions of the 20th joint rule, and Mr. Loring moved a suspension of the rule. The motion was lost, and the petition was referred, under the rule, to the next General Court.

Do.

By Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg, the remonstrance of Ebenezer Torrey and others, citizens of Fitchburg, against any change in their city charter. Referred, under the same rule, to the next General Court.

Brookline and
Boston.

By Mr. Sanford of Taunton, the petition of George W. Carnes of Brookline, for delay in passage of the bill to annex a portion of Brookline to Boston, which was ordered to be placed on file with the bill concerning said annexation.

*Papers from the Senate.*Arlington—
water bonds.

A bill to authorize the town of Arlington to issue additional water-scrip and to limit the amount thereof, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Essex County
commissioners.

A resolve to authorize the county commissioners for the county of Essex to raise money, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, and the House bill to provide for special terms of the superior court, amended by the Senate, were referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Superior court.

Lexington
Building Asso-
ciation.

A bill to incorporate the Lexington Building Association of Boston, introduced on leave, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule by the Senate, and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, was read. The House non-concurred in the suspension of the rule.

Sawin
Academy.

The petition of the trustees of the Sawin Academy of Sherborn for permission to expend \$3,000 in addition to what they are now allowed to expend, also admitted under a suspension of the rule by the Senate, came down for concurrence, but the House non-concurred in the suspension. Subsequently, Mr. Billings of Sharon moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House refused to

concur with the Senate in the suspension of the rule. The motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The following order was referred in concurrence to the joint committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That six thousand extra copies of the annual report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics be printed, that three thousand thereof be bound and all be placed at the disposal of the Bureau. Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

The House order extending the time from April 10th until April 20th in which joint standing and special committees may make their reports, was returned from the Senate concurred in, with an amendment substituting therefor the following:—

Ordered, That all joint standing and special committees have such further time, upon all matters now committed to them, as they may require to report upon the same. Committee
reports.

The House non-concurred in the amendment.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Moors of Greenfield, from the committee on Education, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of the Commonwealth joining in the proposed Agassiz memorial, reported that the order be referred to the next General Court. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Agassiz me-
morial fund.

Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Harriet E. Stone, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration. The resolve was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow. Harriet E.
Stone.

Mr. Loud of Winchendon, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of John Mangen, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection. John Mangen.

Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, to whom was referred the resolve providing for the erection of workshops and a blacksmith shop at the state prison, reported the same in a new draft. On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the resolve took its several readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. State prison.

Educational
appropriation
bill.

Mr. Sanger of Danvers, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the annual report of the Board of Education, reported a bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes.

Normal schools.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the same report, also reported a resolve in favor of the normal schools at Worcester, Bridgewater and Westfield.

Salaries of
registers of
probate and
insolvency.

Mr. Dacey of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the petitions of the judge and register of probate and insolvency of Barnstable County, the registers of probate and insolvency for Plymouth and Bristol Counties, and also an order concerning the judge of probate for the last named county, reported a bill to establish the salaries of certain judges and registers of probate and insolvency.

These bills and resolve were severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

New lunatic
hospital.

Mr. Loud of Winchendon, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill in addition to an act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth, reported that it ought to pass.

Patrick
Buckley.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Patrick Buckley, reported that it ought to pass.

Register of pro-
bate for Hamp-
den County.

Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampden, reported that it ought to pass.

These bills and resolves were severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

State aid for
soldiers and
sailors.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to extend the time for paying state aid to disabled soldiers and sailors and the families of the slain, reported that it ought to pass in a new draft.

Patrick Haley.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate resolve in favor of Patrick Haley, reported it in a new draft.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to suspend the 20th joint

rule, to admit the petition of C. A. Sayward and others, for a bridge over Ipswich River, prevailed, the rule was suspended, and the petition referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

For the better support of wives and minor children ;
and

To authorize the town of Medford to issue additional water fund bonds ;

Were severally rejected, the first in accordance with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, and the last as recommended by the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Bills :

To regulate the compensation of sealers of weights and measures in cities and towns ;

To enable the First Parish in Berlin to sell a piece of land ; and a

Resolve to confirm and make valid a deed made by the administrator of the estate of Richard Stickney, deceased ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize cities and towns to erect and maintain public baths and wash-houses, was read and debated. Amendments proposed by Messrs. Olney and Clark of Boston, Adams of Quincy and Robinson of Chicopee were adopted, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Relative to proceedings affecting the title to real estate ;

To change the name of the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury ; and

To dissolve the North Weymouth Fire District ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill amending chapter 294 of the acts of 1872, authorizing the county commissioners of Hampden County to take land for court-house purposes, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to annex a portion of the town of Brookline to the city of Boston, was read and debated. Mr. Adams of Quincy moved that the bill be referred to the committee on Towns, with instructions to hear such citizens of Brookline as desire to be heard upon the same, but the motion was lost. Mr. Robinson of Newton moved to amend the

bill by striking out the words "city of Boston" in the 4th section and inserting the words "Brighton district." Pending its consideration the bill was, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, laid upon the table.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 11, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Chadbourne of Boston.

Free scholar-
ships at Mass.
Agricultural
College.

Mr. McCleave of Nantucket presented the petition of George W. Macy and 55 others, citizens of Nantucket, in favor of an act to establish free scholarships in the Massachusetts Agricultural College. Referred to the committee on Agriculture and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Bristol County
Agricultural
Society.
Springfield—
water supply.

To authorize the Bristol County Agricultural Society to hold additional real estate ; and

To amend an act to supply the city of Springfield with pure water ; passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

Grand jury of
Norfolk.

A bill concerning the grand jury for the county of Norfolk for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Fitchburg.

Mr. Cole of Cheshire moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday referred to the next General Court the petition of the city council of Fitchburg for amendment of the city charter. The motion prevailed. The question recurring on the suspension of the rule, it was again negatived.

Census.

The Speaker appointed the following named members, on the part of the House, on the joint special committee on the message from His Excellency the Governor relative to a census of the state :—

Messrs. Hale of Boston, Osgood of Salem, Stearns of Boston, Williams of Douglas, and Eldridge of Conway.

Engrossed bills :

In addition to an act concerning manufacturing and other corporations ; and Bills passed.

In addition to an act to incorporate the Salisbury Beach Plank Road Company ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield, the vote whereby the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the Senate bill amending chapter 294 of the acts of 1872, authorizing the county commissioners of Hampden County to take land for court-house purposes, was reconsidered, and on motion of the same gentleman the bill was laid upon the table. Court-house for Hampden County.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the rule requiring the Clerk to retain the resolve relating to the state prison until the right of reconsideration expired, was suspended, and the resolve was immediately sent to the Senate. State prison.

Orders of the Day.

The motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 20th joint rule, to admit the petition of the trustees of the Sawin Academy of Sherborn for permission to expend \$3,000 in addition to what they are now allowed to expend, prevailed. The House concurred in the suspension of the rule, and the petition was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Education, reference to the next general court, on the order of inquiry concerning the expediency of the Commonwealth joining in the proposed Agassiz memorial, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the town of Arlington to issue additional water scrip and to limit the amount thereof ;

In addition to an act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth ;

To establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampden ; and

Resolves :

In favor of Patrick Buckley ; and

In favor of Patrick Haley ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve to confirm and make valid a deed made by the administrator of the estate of Richard Stickney, deceased ; and the

Bills :

To regulate the compensation of sealers of weights and measures in cities and towns ; and

To incorporate the Lenox Water Company ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to establish and confirm the judgment and order of the county commissioners of Middlesex County concerning the railroad crossing and passenger station in Natick, was read and further debated. Mr. Fairbanks of Natick proposed amendments, and pending the consideration of the subject, on motion of Mr. Judd of Lee, the bill was laid upon the table and the amendments ordered to be printed.

The bill concerning commercial fertilizers was read, and on motion of Mr. Moore of Concord its further consideration was postponed until Monday.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 13, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Cook of Boston.

Petitions Presented.

Melrose Sav-
ings Bank.

Mr. Goss of Melrose presented the petition of W. B. Sargent and others, for extension of time in which to organize the Melrose Savings Bank, which was referred, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Banks and Banking, and sent up for concurrence.

Pedlars.

Mr. Nelson of Stow presented the petition of Elmer Parker and 13 others of Maynard, for a change in the law relating to pedlars, which was placed on file.

Employés of
Boston and
Albany R. R.

Mr. Fiske of Needham, offered the following order :—
Ordered, That the state directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad be requested to urge, at the next meeting

of the directors of said corporation, the payment of a suitable compensation to the section-hands, so called, in the employ of said corporation, and report the result of their action.

The Speaker ruled that, under the 20th joint rule, the order was referred to the next General Court.

Mr. Fiske moved a suspension of the rule, which motion was lost.

The order was then referred to the next General Court.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the report of the committee on Education, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to the Agassiz Memorial Fund, was accepted. Agassiz memorial fund.

The motion prevailed, and the same gentleman moved to amend the report by substituting therefor a resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy. The motion was carried, and the resolve was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill to amend chapter 249 of the acts of 1870, concerning the fisheries in Buzzard's Bay, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for its second reading to-morrow. Fisheries of Buzzard's Bay.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on the petition of the selectmen of the town of Tisbury for reimbursing said town for the support of state paupers, accepted in the Senate, was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Tisbury.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to the effect that the House bill relating to contracts with officers of cities had been rejected by that branch. Contracts with city officials.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to prohibit conveying offal of slaughtered animals through the public streets and highways in the day-time, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft, entitled a bill to regulate the transportation of offal in cities and towns. offal.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the same committee, on an order relative to the duties of fire-wards at fires in wood-lands. Fires in wood-lands.

lands, reported a bill in relation to the extinguishment of fires in woodlands.

These bills were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Grand jury for
Norfolk.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill concerning the grand jury for the county of Norfolk for 1874, reported that the same ought to pass.

On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were suspended, and the bill took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and immediately sent to the Senate.

Bill passed.

An engrossed bill to fix the salary of the justice of the police court of Lee (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed resolve relating to the state prison (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

Bills :

To authorize the Bristol County Agricultural Society to hold additional real estate ;

To amend an act to supply the city of Springfield with pure water ; and a

Resolve in favor of Harriet E. Stone ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In addition to an act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth ;

To establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampden ; and a

Resolve in favor of Patrick Haley ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in favor of Patrick Buckley, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill concerning commercial fertilizers was read, amended on motion of Mr. Moore of Concord, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to extend the time for paying state aid to disabled soldiers and sailors and the families of the slain, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston.

On motion of Mr. Porter of Beverly, the bill was further amended by substituting the original bill reported by the committee on Military Affairs, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The rejection of the resolve in favor of John Mangen, as recommended by the committee on Finance, was negatived, and the resolve was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

The bill to authorize cities and towns to erect and maintain public baths and bath-houses was read. Amendments were proposed by Messrs. Buxton and Perkins of Boston.

Pending the consideration of the subject, the House Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 14, 1874.

The House met immediately after the adjournment of the joint convention for the election of United States Senator.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the petition of William B. Howes, reported a bill to confirm certain conveyances made by William B. Howes, trustee, under the will of Susanna Burley. Wm. B. Howes.
Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to establish the salaries of certain judges and registers of probate and insolvency, reported that it ought to pass. Salaries of registers of probate, &c.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of the normal schools at Worcester, Bridgewater and Westfield, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment. Normal schools.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Fiske of Needham moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday refused to suspend the 20th joint rule, and referred to the next General Court the order concerning the Boston and Albany Railroad. Boston and Albany R. R.
On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 15, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Cook of Boston.

Petitions Presented.

New Salem.

By Mr. Cheney of Orange, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, the petition of the selectmen of New Salem, for an act to legalize the proceedings of town meetings in New Salem. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence in suspension of the rule.

Lowell
boundary lines.

By Mr. Richardson of Lowell, the remonstrance of A. B. Richardson and 108 others of Lowell against any change of the boundary lines of Lowell, unless approved by the voters of said city. Referred to the committee on Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Buzzard's Bay.

By Mr. Smalley of Harwich, the remonstrance of George D. Smalley and 30 others; by Mr. Robinson of Falmouth, the remonstrances of A. F. Crowell and 62 others and of V. F. Hatch and 37 others of Falmouth; and by Mr. Howes of Dennis, the remonstrances of Stephen Homer and others and J. S. Howes and 19 others of Dennis, of William H. Whitfield and 115 others of Fairhaven, and of Isaac H. Loveland and 45 others of Chatham,—against the passage of an act to amend chapter 249, acts of 1870, concerning the fisheries in Buzzard's Bay.

Severally placed on file, with the bill and report of committee on that subject.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Street railways.

Concerning the issue of bonds by street railway corporations; and

Highways.

To repeal chapter 75 of the acts of 1870, in relation to laying out highways;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Sumner Howe.

The petition of the trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for power to convey real estate devised them as residuary devisee of

Sumner Howe, was referred in concurrence under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge offered the following order, which was referred under the same rule to the next General Court :—

Ordered, That the Railroad Commissioners be requested to ascertain and inform the legislature, as soon as may be practicable, upon what terms, if any, the Commonwealth can assume possession of the rights, titles, property and franchises of the Fitchburg and the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Corporations; and to ascertain and report what measures would be necessary or advisable under any powers reserved to it by law, together with estimates as to what would be the probable cost to the Commonwealth of so doing.

Fitchburg and
Vermont and
Mass. Rail-
roads.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

Concerning the Plymouth County Railroad Company ;
To amend section 5 of chapter 66 of the General Statutes, in relation to agricultural societies ;
To establish the Boston Water Board ;
(Which severally originated in the Senate ;) and
To alter the judicial districts of the district court of eastern Hampden and of the police court of Springfield ;
(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)
Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves
passed.

In relation to the flats, meadows and beaches on East Harbor Creek in Provincetown and Truro ;
In favor of John E. Bulmer ; and
To furnish certain documents and standard weights to the town of Rockland ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)
Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

The motion of Mr. Fiske of Needham, to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to suspend the 20th joint rule, and referred to the next General Court the order offered by him relative to the Boston and Albany Railroad, was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston, and rejected.

Boston and
Albany R. R.

Natick passenger station.

The bill to establish and confirm the judgment and order of the county commissioners of Middlesex County concerning the railroad crossing and passenger station in Natick, was, on motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham, taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Turner's Falls Co.

The bill in addition to, and amendatory of, the several acts relating to the Turner's Falls Company, was, on motion of Mr. Lamb of Greenfield, taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Amherst College.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon, the bill to provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof; and

Quarter-mill school fund.

On motion of Mr. Moors of Greenfield, the bill to establish a quarter-mill school fund for the support of schools;

Were severally taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Normal schools.

The resolve in favor of the normal schools at Worcester, Bridgewater and Westfield, was, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, discharged from the orders of the day, and laid upon the table.

Reports of Committees.

Dukes County commissioners.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed to consider the expediency of altering the law regulating the election of special commissioners for Dukes County, and to whom were also referred the petitions of Daniel Fisher and others, Howes Norris and others, and C. F. Dunham and others, in reference to the same, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Jurors.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of modifying the provisions of law regulating the drawing of jurors, and for modification of section 6 of chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Poor debtors.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill relative to the arrest, imprisonment and discharge of poor debtors, reported that it ought not to pass.

Street railways.

Mr. Parker of New Bedford, from the committee on Horse Railways, to whom was referred the bill vesting

street railway tracks in the towns and cities where the same are located, providing for the formation of street car companies by general law, and for other purposes, taken from the House files of last year, reported that it ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on their rejection.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed to consider the expediency of amending chapter 443, acts of 1869, relative to the assessment of taxes, and to whom was also referred the Senate bill relative to the assessment of taxes, reported that the bill ought to pass with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Assessment of taxes.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the same committee, on the petition of the selectmen of Winchester, reported a resolve to confirm the title to land sold by the town of Winchester.

Winchester.

Mr. Hull of Stockbridge, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of the mayor of Holyoke, reported a bill to authorize the city of Holyoke to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debts.

Holyoke.

Mr. Cole of Cheshire, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the petition of James Freeman Clarke, Edward C. Gould, Thomas Amory and others, for a revisal of the laws determining the conditions of pauper settlement, etc., reported a bill for the more efficient relief of the poor.

Relief of the poor.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on the petition of the selectmen of the town of Tisbury, for reimbursing said town for support of state paupers, was accepted in concurrence.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

In relation to the extinguishment of fires in woodlands ;

To regulate the transportation of offal in cities and towns ;

To confirm certain conveyances made to William B. Howes, trustee under the will of Susanna Burley ; and a

Resolve in favor of John Mangel (amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the Bristol County Agricultural Society to hold additional real estate ;

To amend an act to supply the city of Springfield with pure water ; and

To authorize the town of Arlington to issue additional water scrip and to limit the amount thereof ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to extend the time for paying state aid to disabled soldiers and sailors and the families of the slain, and the resolve in favor of Harriet E. Stone, were severally read. An amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Kimball of Boston, was rejected, and the bill and resolve were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize cities and towns to erect and maintain public baths and wash-houses, was further considered. Amendments proposed by Messrs. Buxton, Mason and Perkins of Boston, were adopted, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to enable the First Parish in Berlin to sell certain real estate was read, amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and on motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to amend chapter 249 of the acts of 1870, concerning the fisheries of Buzzard's Bay was read.

Point of order.

Mr. Howes of Dennis, raised the point of order, that it was not competent for the committee on the Fisheries to report this bill on the petition referred to them.

After remarks by several gentlemen, the Chair ruled that the point was well taken, for the reasons following :—

The *petition* referred to the committee, and on which the bill is reported, prays that the provisions of chapter 60 of the acts of 1811, entitled an act further regulating the taking of fish in Mattapoissett River, may be extended to certain waters specified in the petition. The *bill* extends to said waters the provisions of a *different* act, being chapter 249 of the acts of 1870, entitled an act for the protection the fisheries in the headwaters of Buzzard's Bay. If the provisions of the acts of 1811 and 1870 were substantially the same, perhaps no objection would lie against the bill reported. But a comparison of the two acts shows that they are substantially different. The act of 1811 is

designed for the special protection of alewives ; the act of 1870 embraces all kinds of fish. The latter act prohibits various methods of taking fish not forbidden by the former. The provisions of the act of 1870 cover the entire year ; those of the act of 1811 only three months of the year.

Upon well settled rules governing the powers of legislative committees, it was clearly incompetent for the committee on the Fisheries to report a bill extending the provisions of a different act, passed more than half a century later and containing substantially different provisions from those of the act which the petitioners prayed to have extended.

On motion of Mr. Savery of Wareham, the bill was recommitted to the committee on the Fisheries.

The bill to establish the salaries of certain judges and registers of probate and insolvency, was read and considered.

Mr. Savage of Taunton moved to amend, so that the salary of the register for Bristol County should be \$1,800 instead of \$1,600.

Pending the consideration of the amendment, the House Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 16, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Cook of Boston.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, the petition of the reporters of the proceedings of the House for some change in their gallery to supply them with pure air. Referred to the committee on the State House, and sent up for concurrence. Reporters' gallery.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, the memorial of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences for a new and thorough scientific survey of the Commonwealth. On motion of the same gentleman, the memorial was referred to the committee on Education, and ordered to be printed. Scientific survey of the state.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Kimball of Boston then offered the following order, which was adopted under a suspension of the rule requiring it to be referred to the committee on Printing :—

Scientific survey
of the state.

Ordered, That there be printed five hundred extra copies of the memorial of the Academy of Arts and Sciences for a new and thorough survey of the Commonwealth, for the use of the members of the legislature.

Paper from the Senate.

The following order, adopted by the Senate, was sent down for concurrence :—

Board of health.

Ordered, That so much of the report of the Board of Health as refers to the slaughtering of animals be referred to the committee on Agriculture.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the order was amended by inserting the words : "committee on Mercantile Affairs" in place of "committee on Agriculture," and as amended was adopted in concurrence.

Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Reports of Committees.

Fairhaven and
New Bedford.

Mr. Mayhew of Charlemont, from the committee on Towns, to whom were referred the petitions of Thomas Nye, Jr., and others, Henry Fisher and others, Robert C. Pitman and others, William H. Whitfield and others, Lewis S. Judd and others, in favor of, and the remonstrances of Jonathan Browne, Jr., and others, Isaac Torrey and others, J. A. T. Eddy and others, Joseph Grinnell and others, and Matthew Howland and others against, the annexation of Fairhaven to the city of New Bedford, reported leave to withdraw.

Cemetery cor-
porations.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to extending the provisions of chapter 112 of the acts of 1866, to cemetery corporations.

Superior court.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of providing that questions of law arising in actions in the superior court may be reported to the supreme judicial court before or after a trial by a single judge.

Election ser-
mon.

Mr. Wiley of Boston, from the committee on the State House, asked to be discharged from further consideration

of the order relative to the place for the delivery of the election sermon.

Mr. Stebbins of Chelsea, from the committee on Banks and Banking, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of providing that no savings bank shall discount or invest its funds in business paper or loan money upon the security of notes alone; and that a notice of at least sixty days shall be required from a depositor who desires to withdraw more than \$50 at one time. Savings banks.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Field of Leominster, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the bill to amend chapters 262 and 279, acts of 1873, relating to truancy and school attendance, reported the same in a new draft, entitled "an act to amend chapter 279 of the acts of 1873, relating to school attendance." Truancy.

Mr. Higginbottom of Holyoke, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on an order relative to making Sunderland Bridge free, reported a bill concerning said bridge. Sunderland Bridge.

Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, from the committee on Insurance, to whom were referred the recommendations of the Insurance Commissioner, reported a bill relating to dividends of joint-stock fire and marine insurance companies. Dividends of insurance companies.

Mr. Williams of Brookline, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the bill to authorize towns and cities to subscribe for, and hold stock in, railroad corporations, reported the same in a new draft. Subscription to railroad stock by towns.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate resolve to authorize the county commissioners for the county of Essex to raise money, reported that it ought to pass. Placed in the orders for a second reading to-morrow. Essex County commissioners.

An engrossed bill concerning the grand jury for the county of Norfolk for the year 1874 (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of Mary Rosanna Burke ; and

Providing for the preparation of a new catalogue for the state library ;

Resolves passed.

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Highway taxes.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to amending chapter 298, acts of 1871, so as to allow towns to assess highway taxes, to be expended in labor and materials, was, on motion of Mr. Lucas of Carver, taken from the table and recommitted to that committee.

Brookline and Boston.

The bill to annex a portion of the town of Brookline to the city of Boston, was, on motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline, taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of modifying the provisions of law regulating the drawing of jurors, and for modification of section 6 of chapter 132 of the General Statutes, was accepted.

The Senate bill relative to the arrest, imprisonment and discharge of poor debtors, was rejected, in accordance with the report of the committee on the Judiciary.

When the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of altering the law regulating the election of special commissioners for Dukes County, and leave to withdraw on the petitions in reference to the same was considered, Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury moved to amend by substituting for the report a bill to amend section 8 of chapter 10 of the General Statutes, relating to county and special commissioners. The bill was read, substituted and ordered to a second reading.

The bill vesting street railway tracks in the towns and cities where the same are located, providing for the formation of street car companies by general law, and for other purposes, upon which the committee on Horse Railways had reported adversely, was, on motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford, referred to the next General Court.

Bills :

Relative to the assessment of taxes (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary) ;

To authorize the city of Holyoke to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debts ; and the

Resolve to confirm the title to land sold by the town of Winchester ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to establish the salaries of certain judges and registers of probate and insolvency, was further considered. The amendment proposed by Mr. Savage of Taunton, to make the salary of the register of probate and insolvency for Bristol County \$1,800 instead of \$1,600, was adopted. Mr. Robinson of Newton moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Probate and Chancery, but after debate, the previous question was ordered on motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To confirm certain conveyances made by William B. Howes, trustee, under the will of Susanna Burley ;

In relation to the extinguishment of fires in woodland ;

To regulate the transportation of offal in cities and towns ; and the

Resolve in favor of John Mangen ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill for the more efficient relief of the poor, was read and debated. Amendments were proposed by Messrs. Field of Leominster, Perkins of Boston, Knox of Lawrence, Robinson of Chicopee, Jones of Boston and Johnson of Lowell. On motion of Mr. Jones of Boston, the bill, with the proposed amendments, was recommitted to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Adjourned at 5.08.

FRIDAY, April 17, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow, it was voted that when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Monday, at two o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches notify His United States
senator.

Excellency the Governor, that William B. Washburn of Greenfield, has been duly elected by the legislature a Senator in the Congress of the United States, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. Charles Sumner.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 20, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Sanger of Danvers.

Methuen and
Lawrence.

Mr. Parker of Methuen presented the remonstrance of Joseph F. Ingalls and 24 others, residents of that part of Methuen proposed to be annexed to Lawrence, against granting the request of the petitioners. Referred to the committee on Towns and sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Boston,—

Committee
reports.

Ordered, That the joint standing and special committees of the legislature have until May 1st in which to report upon matters referred to them.

On motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon,—

Do.

Ordered, That the standing and special committees of the House have until May 1st in which to report on matters referred to them.

Papers from the Senate.

Board of health.

The order relative to so much of the report of the Board of Health as relates to the slaughtering of animals, came down from the Senate, that branch having non-concurred in the House amendment which substituted the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and insisting on its reference to the committee on Agriculture. The House insisted on its amendment.

Religious
societies.

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 30 of the General Statutes, in relation to religious societies, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Lowell
boundary lines.

The remonstrance of Charles E. Adams and 67 others, citizens of Lowell, against the passage of any law chang-

ing the boundary lines of Lowell, unless the same be adopted by the voters of said city, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate amendment to the bill to provide for special terms of the superior court, reported that the House should concur in the same with an amendment. The report was accepted under a suspension of the rule. Superior court.

Mr. Loring of Duxbury, from the committee on Manufactures, to whom was referred the bill to change the name of the Cardany and Miller Furniture Company, reported that it ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow. Cardany and Miller Furniture Co.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

In addition to an act to establish the city of Somerville ;

To dissolve the North Weymouth fire district ;

To regulate the shell-fisheries in the waters of Mount Hope Bay and its tributaries ;

To authorize the city of Cambridge to construct and maintain tide-gates across Alewife Brook ;

Relating to sales of land on execution ;

In relation to the defective service of writs and other civil processes ;

To change the name of the "Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury" ;

For the protection of trout, land-locked salmon and lake trout ;

To authorize cemetery corporations to hold funds in trust for the care of lots ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize the Bristol County Agricultural Society to hold additional real estate ; and

To amend chapter 106 of the acts of 1867, concerning sewers and drains in the city of Worcester ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve in favor of Patrick Buckley Resolve passed.

(which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to extending the provisions of chapter 112 of the acts of 1866 to cemetery corporations ; and

Inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of providing that questions of law arising in actions in the superior court may be reported to the supreme judicial court before or after a trial by a single judge ;

Were severally accepted.

The reports :

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw on the petitions of Thomas Nye, Jr., and others in favor of, and the remonstrances of Jonathan Browne, Jr., and others against, the annexation of Fairhaven to the city of New Bedford ;

Of the committee on the State House, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order relative to the place for the delivery of the election sermon ; and

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the expediency of providing that no savings bank shall discount or invest its funds in business paper or loan money upon the security of notes alone ; and that a notice of at least sixty days shall be required from a depositor who desires to withdraw more than \$50 at one time ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To establish a quarter-mill school fund for the support of schools ;

To amend chapter 279 of the acts of 1873, relating to school attendance ;

Relating to Sunderland Bridge ;

To authorize towns and cities to subscribe for and hold stock in railroad corporations ;

Relating to dividends of joint-stock fire and marine insurance companies ;

To amend section 8 of chapter 10 of the General Statutes, relating to county and special commissioners ;

To annex a portion of the town of Brookline to the city of Boston (amended as moved by Mr. Robinson of Newton); and the

Resolve to authorize the county commissioners for the county of Essex to raise money;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to establish and confirm the judgment and order of the county commissioners of Middlesex County concerning the railroad crossing and passenger station in Natick, was further considered. The amendments proposed by Mr. Fairbanks of Natick were adopted. Mr. Adams of Quincy moved that the bill be referred to the committee on Railways, but the motion was cut off by the previous question, which was ordered on motion of Mr. Shattuck of Boston. Mr. Hale of Boston called for the yeas and nays on the question of ordering the bill to a third reading. They were ordered, the roll was called, and the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 72 yeas to 63 nays. The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
Charles Alden,
Andrew Athy,
Joseph E. Bailey,
John H. Bell,
John Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Richard D. Blinn,
John C. Blood,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,
Richard Britton,
Aaron O. Buxton,
Alonzo A. Carr,
Cyrus W. Chapman,
Elijah H. Chisholm,
Austin H. Connell,
John A. Cummings,
Francis C. Curtis,
Thomas S. Cushman,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Curtis Davis,
Joseph M. Eaton,
John B. Fairbanks,
C. C. Field,
John H. Fisher,

Messrs. Joseph E. Fiske,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Sam'l S. Gleason,
Andrew J. Gove,
Benj. Heath,
John B. Hill,
Joseph W. Hill,
James E. Hill,
N. E. Hollis,
David P. Howes,
Francis M. Hughes,
Jonathan Johnson,
Edward J. Jones,
Elbridge G. Kelley,
George P. Kingsley,
Daniel J. Lewis,
Lewis Lombard,
Charles A. Loud,
Henry B. Lovering,
Horatio A. Lucas,
Horace H. Mayhew,
Daniel McCowan,
Avery W. Nelson,
W. Stanley Newhall,
Edward O. Noyes,
Lawrence Reade,

Messrs. D. Franklin Reed,
J. A. G. Richardson,
William R. Roundy,
Nathaniel J. Rust,
Cyrus Savage,
L. H. Sawin,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
George A. Shaw,
Henry P. Shattuck,
George D. Smalley,

Messrs. Franklin H. Sprague,
John H. Studley,
Daniel J. Sweeney,
George W. Taft,
James G. Tarr,
Artemas S. Tyler,
Robert R. Wiley,
Samuel Winslow,
Henry V. Woods,
George C. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. John Q. Adams,
Emory Banister,
George Bartholmesz,
William E. Blunt,
Samuel H. Boutwell,
William B. Brown,
Stillman Butterworth,
James H. Carleton,
Charles R. Codman,
Patrick Collins,
Henry J. Couch,
George G. Crocker,
John Cummings,
Ben. C. Currier,
Augustus B. Endicott,
James E. Estabrook,
George O. Fairbanks,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
Eustace C. Fitz,
John W. Fletcher,
William Frost,
George S. Gates,
Thomas Gates,
Ziba Gay,
Addison Gilbert,
John J. Giles,
Elbridge H. Goss,
Charles Hale,
Abraham W. Harris,
John F. Haskins,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Andrew Howes,

Messrs. James D. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Edward J. Johnson,
William S. Knox,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Edward P. Loring,
Samuel Loring,
John T. Manny,
Lyman Mason,
Albert Mason,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
John J. McNutt,
John F. Moors,
Andrew M. Morton,
Richard Olney,
Charles S. Osgood,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
James O. Parker,
William E. Perkins,
Richard Pope,
Francis E. Porter,
Henry L. Pratt,
John Shaw,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Moses Smith,
Richard H. Stearns,
Isaac Stebbins,
Leonard Washburn,
Moses Williams, Jr.

Yeas, 72 ; Nays, 63.

The bill to provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof, was further considered.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon, the several amendments previously made to the bill were reconsidered and rejected. The bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to establish the salaries of certain judges and registers of probate and insolvency was read, and on motion of Mr. Dacey of Boston, recommitted to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

The resolve to confirm the title to land sold by the town of Winchester was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate bill relative to the assessment of taxes was read and considered. Mr. Hale of Boston proposed an amendment, which was rejected. The bill was then rejected.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 21, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of North Bridgewater, a member of the House.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Crocker of Boston, the petition of David Pulsifer, David Pulsifer. for additional compensation. Referred to the committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Howes of Dennis, the remonstrances of Samuel P. Dunn and others, of William Leach and 49 others of Tisbury, of John F. Wonson & Co. and 107 others of Gloucester; and by Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, the remonstrance of Jason Luce and 42 others,—against the petition of the selectmen of Mattapoisett for prohibitory legislation relative to fishing off the coast of Mattapoisett. Mattapoisett fishing.

Severally placed on file.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Curtis of Marlborough, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule moved by him, a bill to supply the town of Marlborough with pure water. Marlborough—water supply. Read and referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Sent up for concurrence.

*Paper from the Senate.*Trust com-
panies.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Banks and Banking inquire whether any further legislation is necessary in relation to trust companies in this Commonwealth.

*Order.*Finance com-
mittee.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Finance have authority to send for persons and papers in relation to matters contained in an order of the House of February 20th, instructing them "to inquire whether certain public officers account and pay over fines, moneys, etc., as provided by law."

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To supply the town of Danvers with pure water ;

In relation to the rights of husband and wife ;

To authorize the city of Boston to improve Stony Brook and its tributaries ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

In addition to, and amendatory of, the several acts relating to the Turner's Falls Company ; and

To authorize the town of Arlington to issue additional water scrip and to limit the amount thereof ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Election ser-
mon.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the report of the committee on the State House, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order relative to the place for the delivery of the election sermon, was yesterday accepted. The motion prevailed. Mr. Loring then moved to amend the report by substituting a resolve to repeal chapter 73 of the resolves of 1872. The resolve was substituted, read and ordered to a second reading.

Assessment of
taxes.

Mr. Parker of Methuen moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday rejected the Senate bill relative to the assessment of taxes, but the motion was lost.

*Reports of Committees.*Buzzard's Bay
fishing.

Mr. Johnson of Nahant, from the committee on the Fisheries, to whom was recommitted the Senate bill rela-

tive to fishing in Buzzard's Bay, reported the same in a new draft, entitled "an act in addition to an act further regulating the taking of fish in Mattapoisett River."

Mr. Cole of Cheshire, from the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, on an order relative to the income tax, reported a bill relating to the taxation of incomes. Income tax.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, from the special committee on County Expenditures, to whom was referred the resolve granting county taxes, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment. A minority of the committee dissented from the opinion of the majority, and recommended other amendments. The resolve was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow (the question being on its engrossment), with the report and recommendations of the minority, which were ordered to be printed. County taxes.

Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes, reported that it ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading. Educational appropriation bill.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, reported that it ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow. Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

To amend section 7 of chapter 30 of the General Statutes, in relation to religious societies ; and Orders of the day.

To change the name of the Cardany and Miller Furniture Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the city of Holyoke to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debts ;

To annex a portion of the town of Brookline to the city of Boston ; and

Relating to dividends of joint-stock fire and marine insurance companies ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve to authorize the county commissioners for the county of Essex to hire money, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to establish and confirm the judgment and order of the county commissioners of Middlesex County concerning the railroad crossing and passenger station in Natick, was read and considered.

Mr. Olney of Boston moved that the bill be referred to the committee on Railways, but the motion was lost. On the question of passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Hale of Boston called for the yeas and nays. They were ordered, the roll was called and the bill was rejected by a vote of 80 nays to 77 yeas.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
William A. Adams,
Charles Alden,
Andrew Athy,
Joseph E. Bailey,
John H. Bell,
John Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Richard D. Blinn,
John C. Blood,
Enos W. Boise,
Dennis Bonner,
Richard Britton,
Aaron O. Buxton,
Alonzo A. Carr,
Francis E. Clark,
Alfred A. Clatur,
Austin H. Connell,
Francis C. Curtis,
Thomas S. Cushman,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Henry C. Davis,
Joseph M. Eaton,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
John B. Fairbanks,
John H. Fisher,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Asahel Gates,
Wm. B. Gibson,
Sam'l S. Ginnodo,
Samuel S. Gleason,
Levi L. Goodspeed,
Andrew J. Gove,
Gayton M. Hall,

Messrs. Horace Haskins,
John B. Hill,
Joseph W. Hill,
David P. Howes,
Francis M. Hughes,
John B. Hull,
Jonathan Johnson,
Thomas M. Judd,
Charles H. Killam,
George P. Kingsley,
Joseph C. Little,
Lewis Lombard,
Henry B. Lovering,
Horatio A. Lucas,
Julius M. Lyon,
Albert Montague,
John B. Moore,
Avery W. Nelson,
W. Stanley Newhall,
Edward O. Noyes,
Edward B. Rankin,
D. Franklin Reed,
J. A. Rich,
Joshua C. Robinson,
William R. Roundy,
Nathaniel J. Rust,
L. H. Sawin,
George A. Shaw,
Henry P. Shattuck,
Henry Shortle,
George D. Smalley,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Ezra Stearns,
John H. Studley,
Daniel J. Sweeney,

Messrs. James G. Tarr,
Daniel H. Thurston,
Artemas S. Tyler,
Robert R. Wiley,

Messrs. Henry W. Wilson,
Samuel Winslow,
George C. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. John Q. Adams,
Emory Banister,
Patrick Barry,
Samuel P. Billings,
William E. Blunt,
Samuel H. Boutwell,
William B. Brown,
Stillman Butterworth,
James H. Carleton,
Charles R. Codman,
Patrick Collins,
L. J. Cole,
Henry J. Couch,
George G. Crocker,
John Cummings,
Benjamin C. Currier,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Edward Dickinson,
Jarvis N. Dunham,
Augustus B. Endicott,
James E. Estabrook,
George O. Fairbanks,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
Eustace C. Fitz,
John W. Fletcher,
William Frost,
Thomas Gates,
Ziba Gay,
Addison Gilbert,
John J. Giles,
Elbridge H. Goss,
F. E. Gray,
Charles Hale,
Abraham W. Harris,
John F. Haskins,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Allen Higginbottom,
Geo. Hodges,
Andrew Howes,
Richardson Hutchinson,

Messrs. Nathan S. Jenkins,
Edward J. Johnson,
Erastus Jones,
George W. Jones,
Jesse E. Keith,
Moses Kimball,
Charles A. Loud,
Edward P. Loring,
Samuel Loring,
John T. Manny,
Lyman Mason,
Horace H. Mayhew,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
John F. Moors,
Andrew M. Morton,
William H. Murray,
Porter Nutting,
Richard Olney,
Almon M. Orcutt,
Charles S. Osgood,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
James O. Parker,
William E. Perkins,
Willard P. Phillips,
Richard Pope,
Francis E. Porter,
Henry L. Pratt,
John W. Rice,
George D. Robinson,
George J. Sanger,
Charles L. Shaw,
William L. Slade,
Joshua B. Smith,
Moses Smith,
Richard H. Stearns,
T. W. Wellington,
Simon H. White,
Moses Williams, Jr.,
Henry W. Wright.

Yeas, 77; nays, 80.

Mr. Fairbanks of Natick subsequently moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the above bill had been re-

jected, which motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to establish a quarter-mill school fund for the support of schools, was read. An amendment proposed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading was adopted. An amendment was also moved by Mr. Billings of Sharon, pending which, the House Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 22, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of North Bridgewater.

Petitions Presented.

New Bedford—
water bonds.

By Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, the petition of the mayor of New Bedford, for authority to issue additional water bonds. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and sent up for concurrence.

Buzzard's Bay
fishery.

By Mr. Howes of Dennis, the remonstrances of Franklin Snow and 71 others of Boston, and of James B. Baker and 35 others; by Mr. Smalley of Harwich, the remonstrance of B. Sears and 28 others of Harwich; and by Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, the remonstrance of Franklin Bearse and 24 others of Barnstable,—against the petition of the selectmen of Mattapoisett, for prohibitory legislation relative to fishing in the waters of Buzzard's Bay, off the coast of Mattapoisett. Severally placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Kenoza Street
R. R. Co.

Extending rights under the charter to the Kenoza Street Railway Company of Haverhill;

Chelmsford and
Lowell.

To annex a part of the town of Chelmsford to the city of Lowell; and

Southern Middlesex
district
court.

To amend an act of the present year, establishing the First District Court of Southern Middlesex;

Were severally read. The first two were ordered to a second reading, and the last was referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Baptist Society
of East Boston.

The petition of the Central Square Baptist Society of East Boston, that certain acts may be legalized, with

authority to hold additional real and personal estate, was referred in concurrence, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

An engrossed bill to amend an act to supply the city of Springfield with pure water (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, asked to be discharged from further consideration of the order relative to making special provision in the lunatic hospitals for confirmed inebriates, and recommended that it be referred to the Board of State Charities, with a request to investigate and report their conclusions to the next legislature. Lunatic hospitals for inebriates.

Mr. Ginnodo of Attleborough, from the committee on Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petitions of Varnum Corliss and others of Methuen, for the annexation of that town to Lawrence, and of Max P. Leverett and others, for the annexation of a part of the town of Methuen to Lawrence. Methuen and Lawrence.

Mr. Mason of Boston, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Lewis J. Bird and others, for the annexation of Hyde Park to Boston. Hyde Park and Boston.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to regulating and equalizing charges for transporting freight on railroads. Transportation of freight by railroads.

Mr. Wellington of Worcester, from the same committee, reported that no legislation is necessary on the petition of the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Company for extension of time for the location and construction of its road, and also for the construction of a branch to Barre. Boston, Barre and Gardner R. R.

Mr. Orcutt of Cummington, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Columbus Corey and others, selectmen of Everett, for the passage of an act requiring the Eastern Railroad Company to furnish better depot accommodations. Eastern R. R.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to amend section 84, chapter Sign-boards at railroad crossings.

63 of the General Statutes, relating to sign-boards at railroad crossings, reported that it ought not to pass.

Insurance
agents.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill regulating the responsibility of agents of insurance companies, reported that it ought not to pass.

Rights of way,
&c.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill relating to the acquisition of rights of way and other easements in lands by adverse use or prescription, reported that it ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on their rejection.

Issue of bonds
by street rail-
way companies.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill concerning the issue of bonds by street railway corporations, reported that it ought to pass with certain amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Worcester
lunatic hospital.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the same committee, on the petition of the trustees of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital, reported a bill to authorize the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester to sell their aqueduct, now used in connection therewith.

Building of
branches by
railroads.

Mr. Williams of Brookline, from the committee on Railways, on an order on the subject, reported a bill to authorize and regulate the building of branches and extensions by railroad corporations.

Old Colony
Railroad.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, from the same committee, on the petition of the Old Colony Railroad, reported a bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the bridge and railroad authorized by chapter 295 of the acts of 1872, and for other purposes.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

John Farran.

Mr. Smalley of Harwich, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of Isaac P. Clark, guardian, reported a resolve in favor of John Farran. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes, and the resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to establish a reformatory prison for female convicts was referred to the committee on the Judiciary, in accordance with the report of the committee on Finance.

Bills :

To change the name of the Cardany and Miller Furniture Company ; and

To amend chapter 279 of the acts of 1873, relating to school attendance ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently, Mr. Jones of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the last mentioned bill was passed to be engrossed. The motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The motion made yesterday by Mr. Fairbanks of Natick, to reconsider the vote whereby the House rejected the bill to establish and confirm the judgment and order of the county commissioners of Middlesex County, concerning the railroad crossing and passenger station in Natick, was considered.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of reconsideration, and the motion to reconsider was carried by a vote of 93 yeas to 88 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
Joseph E. Bailey,
John H. Bell,
John Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Richard D. Blinn,
John C. Blood,
Enos W. Boise,
Dennis Bonner,
Richard Britton,
Aaron O. Buxton,
James N. Buffum,
Cyrus W. Chapman,
Francis E. Clark,
Austin H. Connell,
Jeremiah W. Coveney,

Messrs. John A. Cummings,
Thomas S. Cushman,
Curtis Davis,
Henry C. Davis,
Edward Eaton,
Joseph M. Eaton,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
John B. Fairbanks,
C. C. Field,
John H. Fisher,
John E. Fitzgerald,
George S. Gates,
Asahel Gates,
William B. Gibson,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,
Levi L. Goodspeed,
Andrew J. Gove,
Gayton M. Hall,

Messrs. Solomon E. Hallett,
 Sam'l M. Haynes,
 Benj. Heath,
 Joseph W. Hill,
 James E. Hill,
 N. E. Hollis,
 T. M. House,
 David P. Howes,
 Francis M. Hughes,
 John B. Hull,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Thomas M. Judd,
 Charles H. Killam,
 George P. Kingsley,
 Daniel J. Lewis,
 Joseph C. Little,
 Lewis Lombard,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 Aaron Low,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 Julius M. Lyon,
 James L. Merritt,
 Albert Montague,
 John B. Moore,
 Avery W. Nelson,
 W. Stanley Newhall,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Lysander J. Orcutt,
 Lawrence Reade,

Messrs. D. Franklin Reed,
 J. A. G. Richardson,
 J. A. Rich,
 Joshua C. Robinson,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 William R. Roundy,
 Nathaniel J. Rust,
 L. H. Sawin,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 E. H. Seymour,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 Henry Shortle,
 Albert Smith,
 Abraham H. Smith,
 George D. Smalley,
 Sumner Southworth,
 Ezra Stearns,
 John H. Studley,
 Daniel J. Sweeney,
 George W. Taft,
 James G. Tarr,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Artemas S. Tyler,
 James B. Williams,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Henry W. Wilson,
 Henry V. Woods,
 George C. Wright.

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Messrs. William Abbott,
 John Q. Adams,
 Patrick Barry,
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 William E. Blunt,
 Samuel H. Boutwell,
 Stillman Butterworth,
 James H. Carleton,
 Albe C. Clark,
 Charles R. Codman,
 Patrick Collins,
 L. J. Cole,
 Henry J. Couch,
 George G. Crocker,
 Ben. C. Currier,
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
 Edward Dickinson,
 Jarvis N. Dunham,

Messrs. Augustus B. Endicott,
 James E. Estabrook,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 Eustace C. Fitz,
 John W. Fletcher,
 William Frost,
 Thomas Gates,
 Ziba Gay,
 Addison Gilbert,
 John J. Giles,
 Elbridge H. Goss,
 Charles Hale,
 Nahum B. Hall,
 Abraham W. Harris,
 Joshua P. Haskell,
 Allen Higginbottom,
 Andrew Howes,
 Richardson Hutchinson,

Messrs. Nathan S. Jenkins,
Edward J. Johnson,
Erastus Jones,
George W. Jones,
Edward J. Jones,
Jesse E. Keith,
Elbridge G. Kelley,
Moses Kimball,
Samuel O. Lamb,
Henry D. Lay,
Willard Lewis,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Charles A. Loud,
Edward P. Loring,
John T. Manny,
Lyman Mason,
Albert Mason,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
John J. McNutt,
John F. Moors,
Joseph B. Morss,
William H. Murray,
Porter Nutting,
Richard Olney,

Messrs. Charles S. Osgood,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
James O. Parker,
William E. Perkins,
Willard P. Phillips,
Francis E. Porter,
Henry L. Pratt,
John W. Rice,
George D. Robinson,
Charles Robinson, Jr.,
George J. Sanger,
Nathaniel Seaver,
John Shaw,
Charles L. Shaw,
William L. Slade,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Joshua B. Smith,
Moses Smith,
Richard H. Stearns,
Leonard Washburn,
Timothy W. Wellington,
Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Simon H. White,
William Whiting,
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Yeas, 93 ; nays, 88.

The question now recurred on passing the bill to be engrossed. A motion for the previous question was rejected.

Mr. Robinson of Newton moved to amend the bill by substituting a bill entitled "an act to establish a public carriage-way and crossing in Natick."

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston moved that the bill, with the proposed substitute, be referred to the committee on Railways, which was lost.

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The bill to establish a quarter-mill school fund for the support of schools, was further considered.

Pending its consideration, the House
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 Benj. Heath,
 Joseph W. Hill,
 James E. Hill,
 N. E. Hollis,
 T. M. House,
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Edward J. Jones,
Jesse E. Keith,
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Samuel O. Lamb,
Henry D. Lay,
Willard Lewis,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Charles A. Loud,
Edward P. Loring,
John T. Manny,
Lyman Mason,
Albert Mason,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
John J. McNutt,
John F. Moors,
Joseph B. Morss,
William H. Murray,
Porter Nutting,
Richard Olney,

Messrs. Charles S. Osgood,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
James O. Parker,
William E. Perkins,
Willard P. Phillips,
Francis E. Porter,
Henry L. Pratt,
John W. Rice,
George D. Robinson,
Charles Robinson, Jr.,
George J. Sanger,
Nathaniel Seaver,
John Shaw,
Charles L. Shaw,
William L. Slade,
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THURSDAY, April 23, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Moors of Greenfield.

Buzzard's Bay.

Mr. Robinson of Sandwich, presented the remonstrance of George F. Hoxie and 16 others of Sandwich; and Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the remonstrance of Job T. Wilson and 75 others of Fall River,—against the petition of the selectmen of Mattapoisett, for prohibitory legislation relative to fishing in the waters of Buzzard's Bay, off the coast of Mattapoisett. Severally placed on file.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton,—

Public administrators.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of authorizing public administrators to reduce the estate of an intestate (without taking administration thereon) to money, and to pay over any balance in his hands to the treasurer of the Commonwealth, whenever no person appears having a legal claim to the same.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Committee on Hoosac Tunnel.

Ordered, That the joint special committee on the Tunnel Line of Railroads be authorized to visit the Hoosac Tunnel and line of railroads.

Emily F. Wood.

Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester moved a suspension of the rule relative to the time within which a motion for reconsideration must be made, in order to move to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the committee on Claims, referring to the next General Court the petition of Emily F. Wood for state aid. The rule was suspended and the motion to reconsider prevailed, and the report and petition were recommitted to the committee on Claims, with a resolve, offered by Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, as a substitute for the report.

Papers from the Senate.

Labor.

A bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

A bill to regulate the distribution of damages where Land damages. there are separate interests in lands in cases of water supply to cities and towns, also passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

The report of the joint committee on Printing, on the order for printing six thousand extra copies of the annual report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The petition of the mayor of Fall River for an act to issue additional water bonds to an amount not exceeding four hundred thousand dollars, was referred in concurrence, under a suspension of the '20th joint rule, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Fall River—water bonds.

An engrossed bill concerning commercial fertilizers Bill passed. (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Sanger of Danvers, from the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, reported that no legislation is necessary on the communication of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, transmitting the statement of the aggregates of polls, property, taxes, etc. Aggregates of polls, &c.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of amending the laws relative to the taxation of mortgaged property, and sundry petitions in relation to the same subject. Taxation of mortgaged property.

Mr. Banister of Worcester, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of exempting corporations for musical purposes, organized under the General Statutes, chapter 32, and statutes of 1873, chapter 176, from taxation on property held by them.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Keith of Abington, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Senate bill to amend section 5 of chapter 90 of the General Statutes, in relation to widows' dower, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

District court of
southern Middlesex.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to amend the act of the present year establishing the first district court of southern Middlesex, reported that it ought to pass.

District court of
Essex County.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill to establish the first district court of Essex County, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Salaries of
registers of
probate, &c.

Mr. Dacey of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was recommitted the bill to establish the salaries of certain judges and registers of probate and insolvency, reported it in a new draft. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The reports :

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order relative to making special provision in the lunatic hospitals for confirmed inebriates, and recommending that it be referred to the Board of State Charities, with a request to investigate and report their conclusions to the next legislature ;

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw on the petition of Varnum Corliss and others of Methuen, for the annexation of that town to Lawrence, and of Max P. Leverett and others, for the annexation of a part of the town of Methuen to Lawrence ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw on the petition of Lewis J. Bird and others, for the annexation of Hyde Park to Boston ;

Of the committee on Railways, that no legislation is necessary on the petition of the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Company, for extension of time for the location and construction of their road, and also for the construction of a branch to Barre ; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw on the petition of Columbus Corey and others, selectmen of the town of Everett, for the passage of an act requiring the Eastern Railroad Company to furnish better depot accommodations ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve to repeal chapter 73 of the resolves of 1872 ;
and the

Bill to grant further time to the Kenoza Street Railway Company for complying with the requirements of its charter and the general laws of the Commonwealth ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The motion made by Mr. Jones of Boston yesterday, to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the bill to amend chapter 279 of the acts of 1873, relating to school attendance, was considered and carried.

Amendments to the bill proposed by Messrs. Jones and Kimball of Boston, and an amendment to the title moved by Mr. Billings of Sharon, were adopted, and the bill was again passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill regulating the responsibility of agents of insurance companies, was rejected, in accordance with the report of the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to establish a quarter-mill school fund for the support of schools, was further considered.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston, moved to amend by striking out sections 3, 4 and 5, and inserting a new section, as follows :—" SECT. 3. When said fund shall have accumulated to \$4,000,000, the tax provided for in sections one and two shall cease, and the income of said accumulation shall be appropriated in the same manner as the income of the Massachusetts School Fund."

Pending the consideration of the bill and amendments,
the House

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 24, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Sanger of Danvers.

Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford presented the petition of New Bedford the mayor of New Bedford for a new city charter.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Chicopee,—

Time for debate.

Ordered, That no member shall occupy more than ten minutes' time in debate upon any one question, except by leave of the House.

Paper from the Senate.

Turner's Falls.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Roads and Bridges have leave to visit Turner's Falls, and such other places as may be needful in order to complete the business now referred to them.

Taken from the Table.

Normal schools.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the resolve in favor of the normal schools at Worcester, Bridgewater and Westfield, and the report of the committee on Finance, leave to withdraw on the petitions of the

Norwich and
Worcester R. R.
Co.

Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, and of W. T. Hart and others, trustees, for the application of the sinking fund provided for by chapter 134, acts of 1854, were taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Brookline and
Boston.

On motion of the same gentleman, the motion made by him to suspend the 20th joint rule, so as to admit the petition of the mayor of Boston for the annexation of a part of Brookline to the city of Boston, was taken from the table, and there being no objection made, the motion was withdrawn.

Taxation of
mortgaged
property.

On motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield, the report of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of amending the laws relative to the taxation of mortgaged property, and sundry petitions in relation to the same subject, was discharged from the orders of the day, and laid on the table, with a bill relating to the taxation of real estate, offered by the same gentleman as an amendment to the report. The bill was ordered to be printed.

Hours of labor.

Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, gave notice that he would offer a bill, entitled "an act to regulate the hours of labor in this Commonwealth," as a substitute for the bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments. The substitute was ordered to be printed.

Engrossed bills :**Bills passed.**

To amend chapter 102 of the General Statutes, relating to sales of land by guardians ;

Relating to the rights of husbands and wives and for the protection of minor children ; and

To enable the First Parish in Berlin to sell certain real estate ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :**Resolves passed.**

Confirming the acts of Luke Lyman, Register of Probate and Insolvency for Hampshire County ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

and

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Essex to borrow money for certain purposes ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Rich of Royalston, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of C. L. Spear and others, and other petitioners for the union of the towns of Shelburne and Buckland, and sundry remonstrances against the same, reported that the further consideration thereof be referred to the next General Court.

Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the annual report of the Railroad Commissioners, reported the following bills :—

A bill in relation to the opening of railroads for public use ;

A bill in relation to bridge-guards on railroads ;

A bill in relation to the uniform of certain employes of railroad corporations ;

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to authorize the city of Worcester to take and hold land for slaughter-houses and for other purposes, reported that the same ought

Shelburne and Buckland.

Opening of railroads.

Bridge-guards on railroads.

Uniform of railroad employes.

Worcester—slaughter-houses.

to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Worcester
police.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill respecting the police of the city of Worcester, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Clerks of courts.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill amendatory of chapter 121 of the General Statutes, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on their rejection.

Catherine
Waterman.

Mr. Bassett of Easthampton, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Catherine Waterman for payment of a judgment obtained against the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company, reported a resolve in favor of Catherine Waterman, administratrix, giving their reasons at length. The report was ordered to be printed, and the resolve was referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The reports of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, no legislation necessary on the communication of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, transmitting the statement of the aggregates of polls, property, taxes, etc. ; and

Inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of exempting corporations for musical purposes, organized under the General Statutes, chapter 32, and statutes of 1873, chapter 176, from taxation on property held by them ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the orders of the day were laid on the table, and a motion made by him to reconsider the vote whereby the last report had been accepted, was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

To authorize and regulate the building of branches and extensions by railroad corporations ; and

To amend the act of the present year, establishing the first district court of southern Middlesex ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill to amend section 5 of chapter 90 of the General Statutes, in relation to widows' dower, was rejected, in accordance with the report of the committee on Probate and Chancery.

The bill to amend section 84, chapter 63 of the General Statutes, relating to sign-boards at railroad crossings, was also rejected, in accordance with the report of the committee on Railways.

The bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the bridge and railroad authorized by chapter 295 of the acts of 1872, and for other purposes, was read and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to grant further time to the Kenoza Street Railway Company for complying with the requirements of its charter and the general laws of the Commonwealth, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill relating to the Sunderland Bridge was read. Amendments proposed by Messrs. Higginbottom of Holyoke and Dickinson of Amherst, were adopted, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Bassett of Easthampton subsequently moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill had been passed to be engrossed, which motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to authorize towns and cities to subscribe for, and hold stock in, railroad corporations, was read. Amendments proposed by Messrs. Olney of Boston and Williams of Brookline were adopted, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to amend section 8 of chapter 10 of the General Statutes, relating to county and special commissioners, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to establish a quarter-mill school fund for the support of schools, was further considered.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, it was voted that the debate should be closed at half-past three o'clock. Amendments proposed by Messrs. Billings of Sharon and Perkins of Boston were adopted. The amendment proposed by Mr. Bigelow of Boston was rejected. Mr. Adams

of Waltham called for the yeas and nays on the question of passing the bill to be engrossed. They were ordered, the roll was called, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed by a vote of 100 yeas to 89 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Joseph E. Bailey,	Messrs. Erastus Jones,
William G. Bassett,	George W. Jones,
John H. Bell,	Jesse E. Keith,
Sanford W. Billings,	Charles H. Killam,
Stephen F. Blaney,	Samuel O. Lamb,
Frederick L. Bosworth,	Henry D. Lay,
Samuel H. Boutwell,	Daniel J. Lewis,
Reuben Boynton,	Willard Lewis,
S. W. Brayton,	Lewis Lombard,
William B. Brown,	Charles A. Loud.
James N. Buffum,	Edward P. Loring,
Stillman Butterworth,	Samuel Loring,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Henry B. Lovering,
James H. Carleton,	Aaron Low,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Horatio A. Lucas,
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L. J. Cole,	Albert Mason,
Ben. C. Currier,	Horace H. Mayhew,
Francis C. Curtis,	David Mayhew,
John Cushing,	Edward McCleave,
Edward Dickinson,	Albert Montague,
George O. Fairbanks,	John F. Moors,
John B. Fairbanks,	William H. Murray,
C. C. Field,	Avery W. Nelson,
John H. Fisher,	W. Stanley Newhall,
George S. Gates,	Reuben Noble,
Asahel Gates,	Lysander J. Orcutt,
Wm. B. Gibson,	William C. Parker, Jr.,
John J. Giles,	Francis E. Porter,
Elbridge H. Goss,	Charles L. Pratt,
Andrew J. Gove,	Henry L. Pratt.
Solomon E. Hallett,	D. Franklin Reed,
John F. Haskins,	John W. Rice,
Joshua P. Haskell,	J. A. Rich,
Sam'l M. Haynes,	Joshua C. Robinson,
Allen Higginbottom,	Philip H. Robinson,
John B. Hill,	George D. Robinson,
T. M. House,	Joseph W. Rogers,
•Benj. Howard,	George J. Sanger,
David P. Howes,	John Savery,
Nathan S. Jenkins,	L. H. Sawin,
Edward J. Johnson,	E. H. Seymour,

Messrs. William L. Slade,
Albert Smith,
Moses Smith,
Abraham H. Smith,
George D. Smalley,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Sumner Southworth,
Ezra Stearns,

Messrs. James G. Tarr,
Warren Tyler,
Leonard Washburn,
Timothy W. Wellington,
Simon H. White,
Samuel Winslow,
Henry V. Woods,
George C. Wright.

NARS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
John Q. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
Emory Banister,
Patrick Barry,
George Bartholmesz,
John Bigelow,
Robert R. Bishop,
Richard D. Blinn,
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William E. Blunt,
Dennis Bonner,
Richard Britton,
Aaron O. Buxton,
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George G. Crocker,
John Cummings,
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Thomas S. Cushman,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Curtis Davis,
John Davol, Jr.,
Augustus B. Endicott,
James E. Estabrook,
Joseph E. Fiske,
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Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
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William Frost,
Thomas Gates,
Ziba Gay,
Addison Gilbert,
Sam'l S. Ginnodo,
Sam'l S. Gleason,
Brownell Granger,
Charles Hale,

Messrs. Gayton M. Hall,
Abraham W. Harris,
Horace Haskins,
Benj. F. Hayes,
Benj. Heath,
Joseph W. Hill,
James E. Hill,
Geo. Hodges,
Francis M. Hughes,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Jonathan Johnson,
Moses Kimball,
George P. Kingsley,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
John T. Manny,
Lyman Mason,
Daniel McCowan,
Andrew M. Morton,
Richard Olney,
Charles S. Osgood,
Albert Palmer,
James O. Parker,
William E. Perkins,
Willard P. Phillips,
Richard Pope,
Lawrence Reade,
J. A. G. Richardson,
Charles Robinson, Jr.,
Nathaniel J. Rust,
Cyrus Savage,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Nathaniel Seaver,
Charles L. Shaw,
Henry P. Shattuck,
Henry Shortle,
Warren Sibley,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Joshua B. Smith,
Richard H. Stearns,
Isaac Stebbins,

Messrs. John H. Studley,
Daniel J. Sweeney,
Daniel H. Thurston,
William Whiting.
Moses Williams, Jr.,

Messrs. James B. Williams,
Robert R. Wiley,
Henry W. Wilson,
Henry W. Wright.

Yeas, 100 ; nays, 89.

Mr. Sanger of Danvers moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby this bill had been passed to be engrossed, which motion was placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

The bill in addition to an act further regulating the taking of fish in Mattapoissett River was read. Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester moved that it be recommitted to the committee on Fisheries, with instructions to give a hearing to the remonstrants against its passage.

Pending the consideration of the subject, the House Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 25, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

The reports :

Scudder, Bartlett & Co.

Of the committee on Railways, referring to the next General Court the petition of Scudder, Bartlett & Co., for relief against the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, with a report of the railroad commissioners upon the subject ;

Inland fisheries.

Of the committee on the Fisheries, inexpedient to legislate on the eighth annual report of the commissioners on inland fisheries ;

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Labor reform.

The report of the committee on the Labor Question, asking to be discharged from further consideration of so much of the Governor's address as relates to the subject of labor reform ; also, of an order relative to obtaining statistics on the labor question, and recommending that they be

referred to the joint select committee on the Governor's message, relating to taking a census of the state, was accepted in concurrence.

A bill to annex a portion of the town of Sharon to the town of Walpole, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Sharon and Walpole.

The petition of the selectmen of Stoughton for the repayment of a sum of money paid by said town to the Commonwealth for the care of William Feeley at the state lunatic hospital at Taunton, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims. Stoughton.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To incorporate the Lenox Water Company ;

To provide for special terms of the superior court for criminal business ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;) and

To provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, to reconsider the vote accepting the report of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of exempting corporations for musical purposes, organized under the General Statutes, chapter 32, and statutes of 1873, chapter 176, from taxation on property held by them, was carried. Orders of the day.

On motion of the same gentleman, the report was then laid on the table.

The motion of Mr. Sanger of Danvers, to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to establish a quarter-mill school fund for the support of schools was passed to be engrossed, was, on motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon, laid on the table.

The motion of Mr. Bassett of Easthampton, to reconsider the vote whereby the bill relating to Sunderland Bridge was passed to be engrossed, was, on motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston, laid on the table.

The bill to amend the act of the present year, establishing the first district court of southern Middlesex, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The further consideration of the bill in addition to an act further regulating the taking of fish in Mattapoissett River, was, on motion of Mr. Howes of Dennis, postponed to Tuesday next.

The bill relating to the taxation of incomes, was read and considered.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston moved that it be recommitted to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, but the motion was lost. Mr. Loring of Fitchburg proposed amendments repealing the act of last year on the subject, which were also lost. On motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy, the bill was then referred to the next General Court.

The bills respecting the police of the city of Worcester, and amendatory of chapter 121 of the General Statutes, were severally rejected in accordance with the reports of the committee on the Judiciary.

The resolve granting county taxes was read and considered. The amendment proposed by the committee on County Expenditures, striking out the provision of \$110,000 for Bristol County, and inserting \$103,000, was adopted. On motion of Mr. Johnson of Lowell, the bill was further amended by reducing the provision of \$225,000 for Middlesex County to \$192,000. The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate bill to amend section 7 of chapter 30 of the General Statutes, in relation to religious societies, was read and rejected.

The reports :

Of the committee on Railways, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to regulating and equalizing charges for transporting freight on roads ; and

Of the committee on Towns, reference to the next General Court, on the several petitions and remonstrances relative to the union of the towns of Shelburne and Buckland ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the city of Worcester to take and hold land for slaughter-houses, and for other purposes ; and

To authorize the trustees of the state lunatic hospital at Worcester to sell their aqueduct now used in connection therewith ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to annex a part of the town of Chelmsford to the city of Lowell, was read, and on motion of Mr. Gay of Chelmsford, laid on the table.

The bill relating to the acquisition of rights of way and other easements in lands by adverse use or prescription, upon which the committee on the Judiciary had reported adversely, was, on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, laid on the table.

The bill concerning the issue of bonds by street railway corporations was read, and pending its consideration, the House

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 27, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Mr. Blood of Lowell presented the remonstrance of ^{Lowell} H. S. Spaulding and others, against any change in the ^{boundary lines.} boundary line of Lowell unless the same is submitted to the people thereof. Placed on file.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Cummings of Woburn,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking ^{Savings bank} inquire into the expediency of establishing a board of ^{examiners.} savings bank examiners.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Ordered, That on account of temporary illness, the ^{Chaplain.} Chaplain be granted leave of absence, and allowed to procure a substitute during his absence.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider ^{Town high-} the expediency of authorizing cities to widen, straighten, ^{ways.} discontinue and change the grade of county roads and highways within their respective limits.

Mr. Loud of Winchendon offered the following order, which was laid over until to-morrow :—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns on Tuesday it ^{Hour of meet-} adjourn to meet on Wednesday, at 10 o'clock, A. M. ^{ing.}

*Papers from the Senate.***Bills :**

Boston High-
lands Masonic
Building Asso-
ciation.
Boston Wharf
Co.

W. R. Mudge.

To incorporate the Boston Highlands Masonic Building Association ;

To authorize the Boston Wharf Company to increase its capital stock ; and a

Resolve in favor of W. R. Mudge ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read. The bills were ordered to a second reading and the resolve was referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Committee on
Railways.

The Senate order relative to granting further time to the committee on Railways in which to make their reports, was, on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, taken from the table and adopted in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Rights of mar-
ried women.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill in relation to certain rights of married women, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow, the question being on its rejection.

Shawmut Rail-
road Co.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, reported leave to withdraw, at the request of the petitioners, on the petition of the president and directors of the Shawmut Railroad Company for an extension of time for building their road. The report was accepted, under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Public adminis-
trators.

Mr. Robinson of Newton, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order relative to public administrators, reported a bill concerning the same. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

In addition to an act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth ;

Concerning the police court in Chelsea ; and

To establish the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Haverhill ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The reports :

Of the committee on the Fisheries, inexpedient to legislate on the eighth annual report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries ; and

Of the joint committee on Printing, that the order for printing six thousand extra copies of the Bureau of Labor Statistics ought to pass ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Finance, leave to withdraw on the petitions of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, and of W. T. Hart and others, trustees, for the application of the sinking fund provided for by chapter 134, acts of 1854, was accepted.

The consideration of the report of the committee on Railways, referring to the next General Court the petition of Scudder, Bartlett & Co., for relief against the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, with the report of the railroad commissioners upon the subject, was postponed until to-morrow.

The resolve in favor of the normal schools at Worcester, Bridgewater and Westfield, was read, and on motion of Mr. Stearns of Boston, postponed until to-morrow.

The bill to establish the first district court of Essex County, was read and amended by inserting a new section in place of section 15, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary. The bill was further amended on motion of Mr. Blaney of Peabody, by striking out the word "Peabody" in the first section. The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning the issue of bonds by street railway corporations, was further considered. The amendment proposed by the committee on the Judiciary was amended, on motion of Mr. Morss of Newburyport, so that no street railway corporation shall issue bonds to an amount exceeding "two-thirds" of the capital stock actually paid in, and adopted. The bill was further amended as recommended by the committee, and, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments ;

In relation to bridge-guards on railroads ;

In relation to the opening of railroads for public use (amended on motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg) ;

To annex a portion of the town of Sharon to the town of Walpole ;

In relation to the uniform of certain employes of railroad corporations (amended on motion of Messrs. Blood of Lowell, Jones of Boston and Loud of Winchendon) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the trustees of the state lunatic hospital at Worcester to sell their aqueduct now used in connection therewith (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

To authorize and regulate the building of branches and extensions by railroad corporations (amended on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, and the resolve to repeal chapter 73 of the resolves of 1872 (the title to which was amended to read "A resolve in relation to the annual election sermon," as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 28, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of North Bridgewater.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Mason of Boston,—

Board of health.

Ordered, That the committee on Printing consider the expediency of reprinting the first annual report of the State Board of Health.

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston,—

Cultivation of fishes.

Ordered, That the committee on Fisheries consider the expediency of amending an act of the present year to amend chapter 384 of the acts of 1869.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Loud of Winchendon, that when the House adjourns to-day it adjourn to meet on Wednesday at 10 o'clock, was amended on motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence, by substituting "Thursday at 2 o'clock," and, as amended, was adopted.

Hour of meeting.

Papers from the Senate.

The report of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to taxation on shares in mining companies, and other property located in other states, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Thursday.

Taxation of mining shares.

A bill to annex a portion of the town of Dracut to the city of Lowell, and a resolve in favor of Willie L. Payne, in a new draft, severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; the first, ordered to a second reading, and the last referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Dracut and Lowell.
W. L. Payne.

A bill to incorporate the trustees of the Anderson School of Natural History, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Education.

Anderson School of Natural History.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To amend the acts of the present year establishing the first district court of southern Middlesex ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

To regulate the transportation of offal in cities and towns ; and

In relation to extinguishment of fires in woodlands ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves passed.

In favor of Jane Parks ; and

In favor of Patrick Haley ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Bishop of Newton moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the committee on Finance, leave to withdraw on the petitions of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, and of W. T. Hart and others, trustees, for the application of the

Norwich and Worcester R. R. sinking fund.

sinking fund, provided for by chapter 134, acts of 1854. The motion prevailed, and on motion of the same gentleman, the report was laid on the table.

Bureau of
Labor Statistics.

Mr. Kimball of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the report of the joint committee on Printing, that the order for printing six thousand extra copies of the Bureau of Labor Statistics ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence. The motion prevailed, and Mr. Kimball then moved to amend the order by striking out the words "that three thousand copies be bound." Motions were made by Mr. Buffum of Lynn, to insert 1,500 copies instead of 3,000; by Mr. Chisholm of New Bedford, to insert 1,000, and by Mr. Reade of Milford, to insert 500; which motions were severally lost. Mr. Kimball's motion was then carried, the order as amended was adopted in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Quarter-mill
school fund.

The motion of Mr. Sanger of Danvers to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to establish a quarter-mill school fund for the support of schools, was passed to be engrossed;

Sunderland
Bridge.

The motion of Mr. Bassett of Easthampton to reconsider the vote whereby the bill relating to Sunderland Bridge was passed to be engrossed;

Musical associa-
tions.

The report of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of exempting corporations for musical purposes, organized under the General Statutes, chapter 32, and statutes of 1873, chapter 176, from taxation on property held by them;

Rights of way,
&c.

The bill relating to the acquisition of rights of way and other easements in lands by adverse use or prescription; and

Hampden
County court-
houses.

The bill amending chapter 294 of the acts of 1872, authorizing the county commissioners of Hampden County to take land for court-house purposes;

Highland Street
R. R. Co.

On motion of Mr. Palmer of Boston, the report of the committee on Horse Railways, that no legislation is necessary on the bill concerning the Highland Street Railway Company; the petition of the Lynn Street Railway Company, for the extension of its road and other purposes; the petition of Marshall P. Wilder and others, for an act authorizing the Highland Street Railway Company to run

Lynn Street
R. R.

its cars to and from certain places, and other petitions in aid of the same ; and

On motion of Mr. Gay of Chelmsford, the bill to annex Chelmsford and Lowell. a part of the town of Chelmsford to the city of Lowell ;

Were severally taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for Thursday.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of providing by law for allowing persons to loan moneys to parties carrying on business and receiving a portion of the profits of such business in lieu of interest. Interest on loans.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel P. Andrews, clerk of the police court of Salem, for an increase of salary. Salem police court.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of repealing chapter 360, acts of 1873, authorizing the Eastern Railroad Company to take lands in Charlestown for freight and other purposes. Eastern Railroad.

Mr. Sprague of Framingham, from the special committee on holding two sessions daily, reported an order providing that on and after May 5, the House shall hold two sessions daily, except on Mondays and Saturdays. Two sessions a day.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Banks and Banking, reported that the order relative to the holding of the offices of cashier of a national bank and treasurer of a savings bank by the same person, should be referred to the next General Court. Cashiers, &c.

Mr. Lucas of Carver, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of amending chapter 298, acts of 1871, so as to provide that towns may allow taxes, assessed for making and repairing highways, to be paid in labor and materials. Highway taxes.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Thursday.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to repeal chapter 75 of the acts of the year 1870, in relation to laying out highways, reported that it ought not to pass. Laying out highways.

Placed in the orders of the day for Thursday, the question being on its rejection.

Assessment of taxes.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, reported that the bill to repeal sections 41 and 42 of chapter 11 of the General Statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes, ought to pass.

Property valuation for 1875.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on an order relative to a state valuation of the property of the cities and towns of the Commonwealth for 1875, and other orders relative to the same subject, also the petition of W. N. Clapp, and an order relative to a basis for the ratable polls of the state, reported a bill to secure a more equal apportionment of the state and county taxes upon the several cities and towns.

Property exempt from taxation.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on an order relative to estates exempted from taxation, reported a bill providing for a valuation and return of property and estates exempted from taxation.

Norwich and Worcester R. R.

Mr. Wellington of Worcester, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, reported a bill authorizing said company to issue additional stock, and for other purposes.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Railways, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Scudder, Bartlett and Co., for relief against the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, with the report of the railroad commissioners upon the subject, was, on motion of Mr. Clark of Boston, laid on the table.

Bills :

Concerning public administrators ;

To incorporate the Boston Highlands Masonic Building Association ;

To authorize the Boston Wharf Company to increase its capital stock ; and the

Resolve in favor of the normal schools at Worcester, Bridgewater and Westfield (amended as recommended by the committee on Finance) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill in relation to certain rights of married women, was rejected in accordance with the report of the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill concerning the issue of bonds by street railway corporations, was read, and on motion of Mr. Palmer of Boston, laid on the table.

The bill in relation to the uniform of certain employes of railroad corporations, was read and rejected. Subsequently, Mr. Phillips of Salem moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill was rejected, which motion was placed in the orders of the day for Thursday.

Bills :

In relation to bridge-guards on railroads ; and

In relation to the opening of railroads for public use ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the city of Worcester to take and hold land for slaughter-houses, and for other purposes, was read, amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments, was read. Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield moved to amend by substituting the bill printed in House Doc., No. 285, but the motion was lost. The bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Mr. Kelley of Newburyport moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill had been passed to be engrossed. The motion was considered under a suspension of the rule, and rejected.

The bill in addition to an act further regulating the taking of fish in Mattapoissett River, was further considered. Mr. Mason of Plymouth moved to amend by substituting the bill printed in Senate Doc., No. 185. On motion of Mr. Gilbert of Gloucester, the bill, with the proposed substitute, was recommitted to the committee on the Fisheries, with instructions to hear the parties in interest.

Adjourned till Thursday.

THURSDAY, April 30, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Moors of Greenfield.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Witnesses.

Relating to the examination of witnesses in the courts of the Commonwealth ;

Hampden
County courts.

Authorizing the clerk of the courts for the county of Hampden to draw pay for clerk-hire from the county treasury ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, the last being a new draft of a House bill, were read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Attleborough
Branch R. R.
Co.

A bill authorizing the Attleborough Branch Railroad Company to increase its capital stock, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Sarah M. Tuttle.

The resolve in favor of Sarah M. Tuttle was returned from the Senate with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

Sealers of
weights and
measures.

Notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House bills to regulate the compensation of sealers of weights and measures in cities and towns, and to constitute the superior court a court of law for certain purposes.

Superior court.

Mill Owners'
Insurance Co.

A bill to authorize the Mill Owners' Mutual Fire Insurance Company to form a class for the insurance of steam-boilers on the mutual principle, came down introduced on leave under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, and referred to the committee on Insurance. The House refused to concur in the suspension of the rule.

Letter from
Gov. Washburn
accepting the
Senatorship.

The following communication, transmitted to the Senate by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, was sent down by that branch and was read :—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, April 30, 1874.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

I am advised that the Legislature has duly elected me a Senator in the Congress of the United States to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles Sumner. This

trust came to me so suddenly and so unexpectedly that I have been at no little loss to know what my duty in the premises might be. Were I to decide the question solely on personal grounds, I should continue in the position I now occupy. I feel most deeply the great responsibilities of the Senatorial office—exceptionally great in the present instance, because of the standing and character of him whom I succeed. I know full well that I have already received at the hands of my fellow-citizens higher honors than I merit, and I am profoundly conscious that other men would discharge this new duty with more than my ability. But the situation compels me to a wider view of the issue and a decision on other than selfish considerations. I therefore resign the office of Governor and accept that which you have conferred upon me. I shall assume the obligations thereof with a determination to let no personal interest stand in the way of the interests of the people who have given me this further pledge of their regard. To you, as their immediate representatives, I beg to present my grateful thanks. In the sphere of honorable activity and responsibility to which you have called me, it will be my ambition to so bear myself that neither you nor the Commonwealth may regret your action.

(Signed) W. B. WASHBURN.

The Speaker thereupon declared that the House of Representatives took notice that William B. Washburn, late Governor of the Commonwealth, had resigned that office, and that the duties, powers and authorities appertaining to the office of Governor had thereby devolved upon His Honor Thomas Talbot, Lieutenant-Governor, and the House would govern itself accordingly.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of establishing a district court in northern Essex, including in its jurisdiction the city of Lawrence and the towns of Andover, North Andover and Methuen; and leave to withdraw on the petitions of Milton Bonney and others in favor of establishing said court, the petition of Franklin Saunders, and various remonstrances against including Methuen, Andover and North Andover in said district.

Lawrence—
judicial district.

Sewers and
drains.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of amending section 1, chapter 48, of the General Statutes, relative to sewers and drains,—said section having been repealed.

Grade of county
highways.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of authorizing cities to widen, straighten, discontinue and change the grade of county roads and highways within their respective limits.

Protection of
witnesses.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of providing for the better protection of witnesses in criminal cases.

Divorce.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to divorce on the ground of desertion.

Alimony.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Florence A. Merrill for additional legislation on alimony pending libels for divorce.

Divorce nisi.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to providing that any party to a suit in which a divorce nisi or a divorce from bed and board has been decreed, may apply to the supreme judicial court to have a decree from the bonds of matrimony entered between the parties, with terms respecting alimony and custody of children.

Alimony.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel B. Wyman and others of Lowell, for legislation allowing alimony without divorce.

Newton—police
court.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of establishing a police court in the city of Newton.

Grist mills.

Mr. Jones of Spencer, from the committee on Manufactures, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of amending chapter 224 of the laws of 1870, so that corporations may be organized under said act for the purpose of carrying on grist mills, and flour, grain and feed business in connection therewith.

Depositions.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate amendment to the

House bill in relation to taking depositions to perpetuate testimony, reported that the House ought not to concur.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Mason of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the New England Female Medical College and the trustees of Boston University to unite, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection. N. E. Female Medical College.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to establish the salaries of certain judges and registers of probate and insolvency, reported the same in a new draft. Registers of probate, &c.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the governor and council to expend a sum not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars for the construction of archways in the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes, reported it in a new draft. Hoosac Tunnel archways.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of John Farran, reported it in a new draft. John Farran.

Mr. Cole of Cheshire, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was recommitted the bill for the more efficient relief of the poor, reported it in a new draft. Relief of the poor.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to amending chapter 303, acts of 1867, reported a bill in relation to inquests in cases of fire. Fire inquests.

Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order relative to partition of lands by the probate court, reported a bill in relation to the partition of lands. Partition of lands.

Mr. Knight of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Joseph Warren Monument Association, reported the same in a new draft. Joseph Warren Monument Association.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on orders relative to laying out streets and authorizing cities and towns to suspend the operation of certain statutes, reported a bill in relation to the laying out of highways and town ways. Highways.

These bills and resolves were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Willie L.
Payne.

Mr. Loud of Winchendon, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Senate resolve (in a new draft) in favor of Willie L. Payne, reported that it ought to pass.

Catherine
Waterman.

Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Catherine Waterman, administratrix, reported that it ought to pass.

W. R. Mudge.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of W. R. Mudge, reported that it ought to pass.

A. C. Martin.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of A. C. Martin, reported that they found no authority for the payment of the claim, and asked to be discharged.

District court
of Central Mid-
dlesex.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to establish the district court of central Middlesex, reported that it ought to pass with certain amendments.

Prison for
women.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to establish a reformatory prison for female convicts, to consider it in its legal aspects, reported certain amendments thereto.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Highway taxes.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of amending chapter 298, acts of 1871, so as to provide that towns may allow taxes, assessed for making and repairing highways, to be paid in labor and materials, was, on motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon, discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

Musical associ-
ations.

The report of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of exempting corporations for musical purposes, organized under General Statutes, chapter 32, and statutes of 1873, chapter 176, from taxation of property held by them, was, on motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy, discharged from the orders of the day and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Hampden
County court-
houses.

The bill amending chapter 294 of the acts of 1872, authorizing the county commissioners of Hampden County to take land for court-house purposes, was, on motion of

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Railways, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Scudder, Bartlett & Co., for relief against the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, with the report of the railroad commissioners upon the subject, was taken from the table and considered, on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, who moved to amend the report by substituting resolutions concerning said railroad company. The further consideration of the report was then postponed until to-morrow, and the resolutions ordered to be printed.

Orders of the Day.

The motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, to reconsider the vote whereby the bill in relation to the uniform of certain employés of railroad corporations was rejected, prevailed. Amendments proposed by Messrs. Murray of Pittsfield and Derby of Boston, were adopted, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Sanger of Danvers to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to establish a quarter-mill school fund for the support of schools was passed to be engrossed, prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Moors of Greenfield, the bill was re-committed to the committee on Education, and on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the committee were instructed to consider and report whether any provision in the act would have the effect to repeal or alter any of the provisions of law in relation to the distribution to cities and towns of one moiety of the income of the school fund, and also whether any proportion of the money to be raised under this act is to be expended by the Board of Education and not distributed to the cities and towns.

The motion of Mr. Bassett of Easthampton to reconsider the vote whereby the bill relating to Sunderland Bridge was passed to be engrossed, prevailed.

Mr. Bassett then moved to reconsider the vote whereby certain amendments to the bill relating to Hampshire County had been adopted. The motion was carried, the amendments were rejected, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to taxation of shares in mining companies and other property located in other states, was accepted in concurrence.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of providing by law for allowing persons to loan moneys to parties carrying on business and receiving a portion of the profits of such business in lieu of interest ;

Leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel P. Andrews, clerk of the police court of Salem, for an increase of salary ;

Of the committee on Railways, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of repealing chapter 360, acts of 1873, authorizing the Eastern Railroad Company to take lands in Charlestown for freight and other purposes ; and

Of the committee on Horse Railways, that no legislation is necessary on the bill concerning the Highland Street Railway Company ; the petition of the Lynn Street Railway Company, for the extension of its road and other purposes ; the petition of Marshall P. Wilder and others, for an act authorizing the Highland Street Railway Company to run its cars to and from certain places, and other petitions in aid of the same ;

Were severally accepted, and the last two were sent up for concurrence.

The report of the special committee on holding two sessions daily, with an order providing that on and after May 5, the House shall hold two sessions daily, except on Mondays and Saturdays, was, on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, reference to the next General Court, on the order relative to the holding of the offices of cashier of a national bank and treasurer of a savings bank by the same person, was considered, and Mr. Kimball of Boston moved to amend by substituting a bill in relation to the treasurers of savings banks. The bill was read, substituted for the report and ordered to a second reading.

Bills :

Providing for a valuation and return of property and estates exempted from taxation ; and

To authorize the Norwich and Worcester Railroad

Company to issue additional stock, and for other purposes ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To establish the first district court of Essex County (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

To annex a portion of the town of Sharon to the town of Walpole ; and

To incorporate the Boston Highlands Masonic Building Association ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill concerning public administrators was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to annex a part of the town of Chelmsford to the city of Lowell, was read.

Pending its consideration, the House Adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 1, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Moors of Greenfield.

Mr. Smith of Dartmouth presented the petition of a committee of the town of Dartmouth for an act enabling the town to return to the district system in their public schools. Referred under the rule to the next General Court. Dartmouth—
school districts.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To annex a portion of the town of Sharon to the town of Walpole ;

To grant further time to the Kenoza Street Railway Company for complying with the requirements of its charter and the general laws of the Commonwealth ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

To authorize the city of Holyoke to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debts ;

To change the name of the Cardany and Miller Furniture Company ;

To authorize cities and towns to erect and maintain public baths and wash-houses ; and

Relating to dividends of joint stock fire and marine insurance companies ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves :

To confirm and make valid a deed made by the administrator of the estate of Richard Stickney, deceased ; and

To confirm the title to land sold by the town of Winchester ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Registers of
probate, &c.

The bill to establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampden, was returned from the Senate with certain amendments, which were referred under the rule to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Committee
reports.

The following order, adopted by the Senate and sent down for concurrence, was laid over until to-morrow :—

Ordered, That all committees of the legislature be allowed further time in which to consider and report upon the business committed to them.

Sumner eulogy
by Carl Schurz.

The following order, referred by the Senate to the special committee appointed to make preparations for an eulogy on the late Charles Sumner, came down for concurrence in the reference :—

Ordered, The House of Representatives concurring, that one thousand copies of the eulogy upon the life and public services of the Hon. Charles Sumner, late senior Senator of Massachusetts in the Senate of the United States, by the Hon. Carl Schurz, be printed for the use of the legislature, and that a copy be requested for publication.

The House concurred. Afterwards, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the vote was reconsidered, and the House non-concurred.

Reports of Committees.

Milford superior
and supreme
courts.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petitions of

George W. Stacy, John Madden and others, for the holding of stated terms of the superior and supreme courts in Milford.

Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the committee on David Pulsifer. Claims, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of David Pulsifer, for additional compensation.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the New county of Lincoln. Judiciary, on an order relative to the establishment of a new county, to be formed from portions of Worcester and Middlesex counties, and sundry petitions and remonstrances relating thereto, reported that the same be referred to the next General Court.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, a member of the same committee, presented his views in writing, dissenting from the conclusion of the majority, and recommending the passage of a bill to establish the county of Lincoln. The report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, and, with the recommendations of the minority, was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, on an Railroad crossings. order relative to the apportionment of expenses in the alteration of railroad crossings, reported a bill to amend chapter 262 of the acts of the year 1872, entitled an act concerning the crossing of railroads by highways and townways.

Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order on the subject, reported a bill fixing the times and places of holding the probate courts in the county of Essex.

Mr. Shaw of Boston, from the committee on Roads and Charles River and Warren Bridges. Bridges, on an order relative to repealing certain acts concerning the appointment of commissioners for Charles River and Warren bridges, reported a bill concerning said bridges.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the committee on the Testimony of experts. Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill concerning the testimony of experts, reported the same in a new draft.

Mr. Banister of Worcester, from the committee on Just Collection of taxes. and Equal Taxation, on an order relative to amending section 6, chapter 12, General Statutes, reported a bill relating to the collection of taxes.

Melrose Savings
Bank.

Mr. Cummings of Woburn, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of W. P. Sargent and others, reported a bill to extend the time for organizing the Melrose Savings Bank.

Savings bank
commissioners.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on an order on that subject, reported a bill to establish a board of savings bank commissioners.

Profits of sav-
ings banks.

Mr. Tyler of Lowell, from the same committee, on an order relative to the rate of interest to be paid by savings banks at their annual dividends, reported a bill requiring more uniform and equitable division of the profits in savings banks. A minority of the committee dissented from the report.

Insane persons.

Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the petition of William Lloyd Garrison and others, reported a bill relating to persons confined as insane. A minority of the committee, consisting of Messrs. Lincoln of Boston and Carleton of Haverhill, dissented from the report.

Damage by
railroads.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on Railways, on an order relative to amending section 28, chapter 63, General Statutes, reported a bill relating to applications for damages to private ways by railroads.

Springfield—
water bonds.

Mr. Phillips of Springfield, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of the water commissioners of Springfield, reported a bill to authorize the city of Springfield to issue additional water-fund bonds.

Marlborough—
water supply.

Mr. Wilson of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, to whom was referred the bill to supply the town of Marlborough with pure water, reported it in a new draft.

These bills and resolve were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Land for rail-
roads.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the bill to amend section nineteen of the sixty-third chapter of the General Statutes, relating to the taking of lands by railroad companies, reported that it ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

New Marl-
borough.

Mr. Lewis of Walpole, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of the selectmen of New Marlborough, reported a resolve in favor of the town of New Marlborough, which was read.

Emily F. Wood.

Mr. Gates of Groton, from the same committee, asked

to be discharged from further consideration of the resolve in favor of Emily F. Wood. The committee was discharged.

The resolves were severally referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Cheney of Orange, from the committee on Mercan-
tile Affairs, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Orange Water Company, reported that it ought not to pass, a general law having already been passed under which such corporations can be incorporated. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

Orange Water
Co.

Orders of the Day.

The reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of establishing a district court in northern Essex, including in its jurisdiction the city of Lawrence and the towns of Andover, North Andover and Methuen; and leave to withdraw on petition of Milton Bonney and others, in favor of establishing said court; petition of Franklin Saunders and others, in favor of including Methuen in its jurisdiction; also, various remonstrances against including Methuen, Andover and North Andover in said district;

Orders of the
day.

Inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of amending section 1, chapter 48, of the General Statutes, relative to sewers and drains, said section having been repealed;

Inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of providing for the better protection of witnesses in criminal cases;

Inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to divorce on the ground of desertion;

Leave to withdraw on the petition of Florence A. Merrill, for additional legislation on alimony pending libels for divorce;

Inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to providing that any party to a suit in which a divorce nisi or a divorce from bed and board has been decreed, may apply to the supreme judicial court to have a decree from the bonds of matrimony entered between the parties, with terms respecting alimony and custody of children;

Leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel B. Wyman

and others of Lowell, for legislation allowing alimony without divorce; and

Inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of establishing a police court in the city of Newton;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Manufactures, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of amending chapter 224 of the laws of 1870, that corporations may be organized under said act for the purpose of carrying on grist-mills, and flour, grain and feed business in connection therewith, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill relating to the acquisition of rights of way and other easements in lands by adverse use or prescription, was considered. The rejection of the bill, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, was negatived, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

The resolutions concerning the Boston and Albany Railroad, moved by Mr. Bigelow of Boston as an amendment to the report of the committee on Railways, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Scudder, Bartlett & Co., for relief against the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, with the report of the railroad commissioners upon the subject, were substituted, adopted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of authorizing cities to widen, straighten, discontinue and change the grade of county roads and highways within their respective limits, was, on motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton, laid upon the table.

The House non-concurred in the Senate amendments to the bill in relation to taking depositions to perpetuate testimony, in accordance with the report of the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

To annex a portion of the town of Dracut to the city of Lowell;

To secure a more equal apportionment of the state and county taxes upon the several cities and towns;

In relation to the laying out of highways and town ways;

To incorporate the Joseph Warren Monument Association; and

Authorizing the Attleborough Branch Railroad Company to increase its capital stock;

Resolves:

In favor of Catherine Waterman, administratrix;

In favor of Willie L. Payne; and

In favor of John Farran;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to annex a part of the town of Chelmsford to the city of Lowell, was further considered and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to repeal chapter 75 of the acts of the year 1870, in relation to laying out highways, was rejected in accordance with the report of the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill to repeal sections 41 and 42 of chapter 11 of the General Statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes, was read and rejected.

The bill to authorize the Boston Wharf Company to increase its capital stock, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills:

Providing for a valuation and return of property and estates exempted from taxation;

To authorize the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company to issue additional stock, and for other purposes; and a

Resolve in favor of the normal schools at Worcester, Bridgewater and Westfield;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to establish a reformatory prison for female convicts, was read. Amendments reported by the committee on Finance, the committee on the Judiciary, and moved by Mr. Kimball of Boston, were severally adopted.

Pending the consideration of an amendment moved by Mr. Lamb of Greenfield, the House

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 2, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of North Bridgewater.

Committee reports.

The order relative to extending the time of the committees of the legislature, was amended on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, so as to extend the time for making reports until May 12. The order, as amended, was adopted in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Rights of way.

The bill relating to the acquisition of rights of way and other easements in lands by adverse use or prescription, was, on motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton, discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

Taxation.

The bill to secure a more equal apportionment of the state and county taxes upon the several cities and towns, was, on motion of Mr. Parker of Methuen, discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

Street Railways.

The bill concerning the issue of bonds by street railway corporations was taken from the table on motion of Mr. Palmer of Boston, and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Divorce.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton, the vote was reconsidered whereby the House accepted the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to providing that any party to a suit in which a divorce nisi or a divorce from bed and board has been decreed, may apply to the supreme judicial court to have a decree from the bonds of matrimony entered between the parties, with terms respecting alimony and custody of children.

On motion of the same gentleman, the report was laid on the table.

Chelmsford and Lowell.

Mr. Gay of Chelmsford moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill to annex a part of the town of Chelmsford to the city of Lowell, was ordered to a third reading. The motion prevailed. Amendments to the bill proposed by Messrs. Richardson and Johnson of Lowell were rejected, and the bill was again ordered to a third reading.

Scudder, Bartlett & Co.

Mr. Phillips of Salem moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House on Friday adopted the resolutions

concerning the Boston and Albany Railroad Company. The motion prevailed. Mr. Codman of Boston then moved to substitute therefor a resolve instructing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next General Court in relation to the petition of Scudder, Bartlett and Company. The resolutions and resolve were laid on the table, and the resolve was ordered to be printed.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the mayor of Lowell, reported a bill to amend the charter of the city of Lowell. Lowell charter.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's address as relates to finances, reported a bill to apportion and assess a state tax of two million dollars. State tax of two million dollars.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments ; and

To incorporate the Boston Highlands Masonic Building Association ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve in favor of Sarah M. Tuttle (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on the petition of David Pulsifer, for additional compensation, was accepted and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The bill to incorporate the Orange Water Company, was rejected, in accordance with the report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Bills :

Relating to the collection of taxes ;

To extend the time for organizing the Melrose Savings Bank ;

To authorize the city of Springfield to issue additional water fund bonds ;

Fixing the times and places of holding the probate courts in the county of Essex ;

In relation to the Charles River and Warren Bridges ;
and

To supply the town of Marlborough with pure water ;
Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolves :

In favor of Catherine Waterman, administratrix ;

In favor of John Farran ; and the

Bill to incorporate the Joseph Warren Monument Association ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill authorizing the Attleborough Branch Railroad Company to increase its capital stock ; and the

Resolve in favor of Willie L. Payne ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, May 4, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Moors of Greenfield.

Reports of Committees.

Convicts.

Mr. Jones of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, on an order relative to amending chapter 44, acts of 1865, reported a bill in relation to convicts committed for non-payment of fines and costs. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Taxation of
bank shares.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, reported inexpedient to legislate on the petitions of H. A. Burdett and others, and Joseph White and others, in relation to the taxation of bank shares, and petitions in aid of the same, for an amendment of the laws taxing bank shares ; of the selectmen of Westminster, for a change in the mode of taxing bank shares and deposits in savings banks ; also an order as to the expediency of amending chapter 315, acts of 1873, relating to taxation of bank shares, and to substitute a statute therefor that

shall authorize the taxation of bank shares direct in the town where the owner resides. A minority of the committee dissented from the report of the majority, and presented a bill relating to the taxation of bank shares. The report was read and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on the petitions of George W. Stacy, John Madden and others, for the holding of stated terms of the superior and supreme courts in Milford, was considered. Mr. Reade of Milford moved to amend the report by substituting a bill, and on his motion the report was laid on the table and the bill ordered to be printed. Orders of the day.

Bills :

In relation to the partition of lands (amended on motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem) ;

Concerning the testimony of experts ;

Relating to applications for damages to private ways by railroads ;

To amend the charter of the city of Lowell ;

In relation to inquests in cases of fire ;

To establish the salaries of certain judges and registers of probate and insolvency (amended on motion of Mr. Shaw of Middleborough) ;

In relation to treasurers of savings banks (amended on motion of Mr. Boynton of Westborough) ; and

Resolves :

In favor of Abel C. Martin ; and

In favor of W. R. Mudge (amended on motion of Mr. Buffum of Lynn) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the Governor and Council to expend a sum not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars for the construction of archways in the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes, was considered. Mr. Sleeper of Malden moved to amend by substituting the bill originally reported by the committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel. The further consideration of the bill was postponed until Wednesday, and the proposed substitute ordered to be printed.

The bill to establish a reformatory prison for female convicts was further considered. The amendment moved

by Mr. Lamb of Greenfield was rejected. Amendments proposed by Mr. Stearns of Boston were adopted. On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the further consideration of the bill was then postponed until to-morrow and the bill, as amended, was ordered to be reprinted.

The bill to authorize the New England Female Medical College and the trustees of Boston University to unite, was considered. The rejection of the bill as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary was negatived, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

The bill to establish a district court in central Middlesex, was, on motion of Mr. Curtis of Marlborough, laid on the table.

Bills :

To extend the time for organizing the Melrose Savings Bank ;

To authorize the city of Springfield to issue additional water fund bonds ; and

Fixing the times and places of holding the probate courts in the county of Essex ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill for the more efficient relief of the poor, was read and considered. Mr. Jones of Boston moved an amendment. Pending the consideration of the bill, the House

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 5, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of North Bridgewater.

Bass River
Lodge of Odd
Fellows.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee presented the petition of the Bass River Lodge of I. O. O. F., for confirmation of a certain title, which, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule moved by him, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the rule.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Chicopee,—

Ordered, That a committee of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to consider and report at what time the legislative session may be closed. Close of session.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Lowell, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule,—

Ordered, That the committee on Finance, authorized by order of the House of February 20th to make inquiries relative to the accountability of certain officers, be directed to include therein such other officers as they may deem necessary. Fees, &c., received by certain officials.

Sent up for concurrence in suspension of the rule.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the city charter of Newton so as to authorize the city council to have the exclusive authority to lay out, alter, widen, relocate, discontinue and change the grade of highways and town ways; also of amending the amendment to the charter enacted at this session, by striking out the word "Kendrick" wherever it occurs, and inserting in place thereof the word "Kenrick." Newton—highways.

Sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the rule.

Mr. Jones of Boston offered the following resolution, which was read, adopted and sent up for concurrence:—

Resolved, That the board of railroad commissioners be requested to supply each member of the present legislature with one copy of the indexes and tables of reference to the charters of the railroads of the Commonwealth and to all special laws relating to said corporations printed in accordance with chapter 71 of the resolves of 1870. Index to railroad charters.

Papers from the Senate.

The report of the joint standing committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel for 1873, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel. Committee on Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

A resolve in favor of the state prison inspectors, passed State prison inspectors.

to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Certain county
criminal busi-
ness.

A bill to promote the more speedy and convenient administration of justice in the counties of Berkshire, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin, and for other purposes, also passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Election ser-
mon.

Information was received from the Clerk of the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House resolve in relation to the annual election sermon.

Fitchburg
Street Railway.

A bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the Fitchburg Street Railway, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston Water
Power Co.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on the petition of Frank W. Andrews and others, for an investigation into the affairs of the Boston Water Power Company, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Uniform of rail-
road employés.

So much of the bill in relation to the uniform of certain employés of railroad corporations as relates to street railway companies, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

Bill passed.

An engrossed bill to authorize the Boston Wharf Company to increase its capital stock (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Land for rail-
roads.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the bills to amend section 19 of the 63d chapter of the General Statutes, relating to taking of lands by railroad companies, and relating to applications for damages to private ways by railroads, were severally discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

Damages by
railroads.

Hampden
County court-
houses.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, the bill amending chapter 294 of the acts of 1872, authorizing the county commissioners of Hampden County to take land for courthouse purposes, was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Two sessions a
day.

The report of the special committee on holding two sessions daily, with an order providing that on and after May 5, the House shall hold two sessions daily, except on Mondays and Saturdays, was taken from the table on motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham. The order was amended on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, so as to

provide that two sessions should be held on and after May 7, and as amended it was adopted.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Sprague of Framingham, from the committee on Wm. H. Black. Harbors, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of William H. Black for leave to extend his wharf in Chelsea.

Mr. Ginnodo of Attleborough, from the committee on Boston and Newton. Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Josiah Gillmore and others, inhabitants of, and owners of estates in, that part of Boston formerly Brighton, for a change of the boundary line between Boston and Newton.

Mr. Robinson of Newton, from the committee on Pro- Register of probate, &c., for Hampden. bate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Senate amendments to the bill to establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampden, reported that the House should concur in the same.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Hampden County courts. Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill authorizing the clerk of the courts in Hampden County to draw pay for clerk-hire from the county treasury, reported that it ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Perkins of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, Common-wealth's lands. on the annual report of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, reported a bill to secure to the Commonwealth the value of its property in lands flowed by tide-water.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Boston Boat Club. petition of the Boston Boat Club, reported a bill to authorize the Boston Boat Club to maintain a floating boat-house on the northerly side of West Boston Bridge.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston, from the committee on Mercan- New Bedford—water bonds. tile Affairs, on the petition of the mayor of New Bedford, reported a bill to authorize the city of New Bedford to issue additional water bonds. The bill was read, and under a suspension of the rules moved by Mr. Bigelow of Boston, took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed and immediately sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on the petitions of George W. Stacy and others, for the holding of stated terms of the superior and supreme courts in Milford, was considered, and on motion of Mr. Shattuck of Boston, its further consideration was postponed until to-morrow.

Bills :

To establish the salaries of certain judges and registers of probate and insolvency ;

Relating to the collection of taxes ;

In relation to the Charles River and Warren Bridges ;

In relation to the partition of lands ;

Concerning the testimony of experts ;

To amend the charter of the city of Lowell ; and a

Resolve in favor of Abel C. Martin ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in favor of W. R. Mudge, was read, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in a House amendment.

The bill for the more efficient relief of the poor, was further considered, amended on motion of Messrs. Jones of Boston and Robinson of Chicopee, and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend chapter 262 of the acts of the year 1872, entitled an act concerning the crossing of railroads by highways and town ways, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Bishop of Newton, and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to establish a reformatory prison for female convicts, was further considered.

Amendments proposed by Messrs. Hale, Frost and J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston were adopted. On motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford, the bill, as amended, was referred to the next General Court. Mr. Loring of Fitchburg subsequently moved a reconsideration of the vote, which motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill requiring more uniform and equitable division of profits in savings banks, was read and considered. Amendments were proposed by Messrs. Smalley of Har-

wich and Bigelow and Clark of Boston. Mr. Knox of Lawrence moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Pending the consideration of the subject, the House Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 6, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of Brockton.

Mr. Adams of Quincy presented the petition of Messrs. Worster and Babson of Boston asking relief relative to certain coupons held by them, payment of which is refused by the treasurer of the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Finance.

Messrs. Worster & Babson.

On motion of Mr. House of Brockton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the State House consider the expediency of furnishing additional accommodations for the State Normal Art School, in the building known as No. 33 Pemberton Square.

State Normal Art School.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bishop of Newton, the House reconsidered the vote whereby the bill concerning the testimony of experts was passed to be engrossed. On motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence, the bill was laid on the table.

Testimony of experts.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill to authorize John Beattie, Jr., to construct a wharf in Westport, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

John Beattie, Jr.

The petition of William H. Eaton and others for authority to build and maintain a bridge across North River from Marshfield to South Scituate at or near the point known as "White's Ferry," came down referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges under a suspension of the 20th joint rule. The House non-concurred in the suspension of the rule.

Bridge across North River.

Bills :

To establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampshire; and

Registers of probate for Hampshire.

Registers of
probate for
Franklin.

To establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Franklin;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred under the rule to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Fall River—
water supply.

A bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Geo. M. Weston.

A resolve in relation to the claim of George M. Weston, was read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Washingtonian
and Appleton
Homes.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, reference to the next General Court on the order relative to the reformation of inebriates at the Washingtonian and Appleton Homes, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reports of Committees.

Boston and
Albany R. R.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of exercising the right of the Commonwealth to purchase the franchise of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, and the petition of the town of Natick in favor of the same.

Railroad terminus.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Edward Atkinson and others in relation to the South Boston Flats as terminal ground for railroads.

Grade crossing
at Hardwick.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the Massachusetts Central Railroad for legislation to prevent a grade crossing of the Ware River Railroad in Hardwick, and the remonstrance of Nelson Amsden and others against the same.

Boston and
Albany R. R.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported reference to the next General Court on the memorial of the town of Weymouth in relation to the Boston and Albany Railroad.

Petitions.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of providing for amendment of petitions for assessment of damages.

Voting lists.

Mr. Merritt of Scituate, from the committee on Elections, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the

expediency of amending chapter 40, acts of 1871, concerning voting lists.

Mr. Billings of Hatfield, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to so amending the election laws as to provide some other method of electing or appointing a part or the whole of the ward officers in cities. City ward officers.

Mr. Morss of Newburyport, from the committee on Printing, on an order as to the expediency of reprinting the first annual report of the State Board of Health, reported an order providing for the printing of three thousand copies of said report for distribution by the Board. Board of health.

Mr. Shaw of Middleborough, from the committee on Public Lands, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Edward Atkinson and others, that measures be taken for the further improvement and further sale of the Commonwealth's flats at South Boston. Commonwealth's flats.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Hurlbut of Bolton, from the committee on Elections, asked to be discharged from further consideration of the bill to amend an act concerning the preservation of ballots in towns, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. The report was accepted under a suspension of the rule. Preservation of ballots.

Mr. Judd of Lee, from the committee on Elections, on an order relative to check-lists, reported a bill in relation to the preservation of check-lists in cities and towns. Check-lists.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on an order on the subject, reported a bill to repeal sections 8, 9 and 14 of chapter 8 of the General Statutes, relating to new elections in cities and towns. New elections.

Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of H. W. Wilson and others, reported a bill to improve navigation in South Bay. South Bay.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To annex a portion of the town of Brookline to the city of Boston ;

Relating to school attendance and truancy ;

Providing for a valuation and return of property and estates exempted from taxation ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize the city of Worcester to take and hold land for slaughter-houses, and for other purposes ; and

To establish the first district court of Essex County ;
(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on the petitions of George W. Stacy, John Madden and others, for the holding of stated terms of the superior and supreme courts in Milford, on motion of Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg, was laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw on the petition of W. H. Black for authority to extend his wharf in Chelsea, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on petition of Frank W. Andrews and others for an investigation into the affairs of the Boston Water Power Company, was accepted in concurrence.

The House concurred in the Senate amendments to the bill to establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampden, in accordance with the report of the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Bills :

In relation to convicts committed for non-payment of fines and costs ;

Authorizing the clerk of the courts for the county of Hampden to draw pay for clerk-hire from the county treasury ;

To authorize the Boston Boat Club to maintain a floating boat-house on the northerly side of West Boston Bridge ; and

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Fitchburg Street Railway ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to annex a portion of the town of Dracut to the city of Lowell, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, to reconsider the vote whereby the House referred to the next General Court the bill to establish a reformatory prison for female

convicts, was considered. On motion of Mr. Loring, the yeas and nays were ordered, the roll was called, and the motion to reconsider was carried by a vote of 90 yeas to 86 nays. The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
John Q. Adams,
Emory Banister,
John H. Bell,
John Bigelow,
Robert R. Bishop,
Sanford W. Billings,
Richard D. Blinn,
William E. Blunt,
Samuel H. Boutwell,
William B. Brown,
James N. Buffum,
Stillman Butterworth,
James H. Carleton,
Cyrus W. Chapman,
Charles R. Codman,
Henry J. Couch,
Jeremiah W. Coveney,
George G. Crocker,
John Cummings,
Francis C. Curtis,
John Cushing,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Curtis Davis,
John Davol, Jr.,
Edward Dickinson,
Augustus B. Endicott,
George O. Fairbanks,
C. C. Field,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
Eustace C. Fitz,
John W. Fletcher,
William Frost,
Addison Gilbert,
Elbridge H. Goss,
Andrew J. Gove,
Charles Hale,
John F. Haskins,
Samuel M. Haynes,
N. E. Hollis,
T. M. House,
Benj. Howard,

Messrs. Andrew Howes,
James D. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Jonathan Johnson,
Erastus Jones,
Edward J. Jones,
Jesse E. Keith,
Moses Kimball,
William S. Knox,
Willard Lewis,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Edward P. Loring,
Henry B. Lovering,
Aaron Low,
John T. Manny,
Lyman Mason,
Albert Mason,
Edward McCleave,
John J. McNutt,
John F. Moors,
Avery W. Nelson,
Porter Nutting,
Richard Olney,
Charles S. Osgood,
Albert Palmer,
William E. Perkins,
Francis E. Porter,
Joshua C. Robinson,
Charles Robinson, Jr.,
Nathaniel J. Rust,
John Shaw,
Henry P. Shattuck,
Henry Shortle,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Joshua B. Smith,
Richard H. Stearns,
Daniel J. Sweeney,
James G. Tarr,
Daniel H. Thurston,
Artemas S. Tyler,
Warren Tyler,
T. W. Wellington,

Messrs. Simon H. White,
Moses Williams, Jr.,

Messrs. Samuel Winslow,
George C. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Andrew Athy,
Samuel P. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
John C. Blood,
Enos W. Boise,
Dennis Bonner,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,
S. W. Brayton,
Aaron O. Buxton,
Alonzo A. Carr,
Elijah H. Chisholm,
Patrick Collins,
L. J. Cole,
John A. Cummings,
Ben. C. Currier,
Thomas S. Cushman,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Henry C. Davis,
Jarvis N. Dunham,
Joseph M. Eaton,
James E. Estabrook,
John B. Fairbanks,
John H. Fisher,
George S. Gates,
Asahel Gates,
Ziba Gay,
Wm. B. Gibson,
Sam'l S. Ginnodo,
Levi L. Goodspeed,
Gayton M. Hall,
Nahum B. Hall,
Solomon E. Hallett,
Horace Haskins,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Benj. Heath,
Francis M. Hughes,
Edward G. Hull,
John B. Hull,
Edward J. Johnson,
George W. Jones,
Elbridge G. Kelley,
George P. Kingsley,
Samuel O. Lamb,

Messrs. Daniel J. Lewis,
Charles A. Loud,
Samuel Loring,
Julius M. Lyon,
Horace H. Mayhew,
David Mayhew,
Daniel McCowan,
Joseph B. Morss,
Andrew M. Morton,
William H. Murray,
Reuben Noble,
Lysander J. Orcutt,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
James O. Parker,
Henry L. Pratt,
Lawrence Reade,
D. Franklin Reed,
John A. G. Richardson,
John W. Rice,
J. A. Rich,
George D. Robinson,
William R. Roundy,
Cyrus Savage,
L. H. Sawin,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Nathaniel Seaver,
E. H. Seymour,
George A. Shaw,
Charles L. Shaw,
William L. Slade,
Moses Smith,
Rufus Smith,
Abraham H. Smith,
George D. Smalley,
Sumner Southworth,
Ezra Stearns,
Isaac Stebbins,
George W. Taft,
Leonard Washburn,
Cyrus M. Wheaton,
William Whiting,
Henry V. Woods,
Henry W. Wright.

Yeas, 90 ; nays, 86.

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Sutton, the previous question was ordered. Amendments proposed by Messrs. Codman of Boston, Chisholm of New Bedford and Kimball of Boston were adopted, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The bill requiring more uniform and equitable division of profits in savings banks, was further considered. An amendment was proposed by Mr. Buffum of Lynn.

Pending the consideration of the bill, the House Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 7, 1874.

Met according to adjournment at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. House of Brockton.

Mr. Blaney of Peabody asked leave to introduce a bill concerning the Eastern Railroad Company. Eastern Railroad.

The Speaker ruled that it came within the provisions of the 20th joint rule.

Mr. Blaney moved a suspension of the rule, but the motion was lost, and the bill, under the rule, was referred to the next General Court.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

Ordered, That whenever the House holds two sessions a day, the Speaker shall, at one o'clock, declare a recess of the House until two o'clock. Two sessions.

Mr. Blood of Lowell offered the following order, which was rejected :—

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered, the afternoon sessions shall close at five o'clock, P. M. Afternoon sessions.

Paper from the Senate.

The bill to authorize towns and cities to subscribe for, and hold stock in, railroad corporations, was returned from the Senate with an amendment, in which the House non-concurred. Towns to subscribe for railroad stock.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To authorize the city of New Bedford to issue additional water bonds ;

In relation to bridge-guards on railroads ;
 To confirm certain conveyances made by William B. Howes, trustee under the will of Susanna Burley ;
 In relation to the opening of railroads for public use ;
 (Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;) and
 Authorizing the Attleborough Branch Railroad Company to increase its capital stock ;
 (Which originated in the Senate ;)
 Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Scientific survey.

Mr. Moors of Greenfield, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the memorial of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences for a new and thorough scientific survey of the Commonwealth, reported, recommending that it be referred to the Board of Education, with a request to consider the same and report to the next General Court. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

District courts.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to the compensation of special justices of district courts, reported a bill in addition to an act relating to district courts.

Sawin Academy.

Mr. Billings of Sharon, from the committee on Education, on the petition of the trustees of Sawin Academy, reported a bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Sawin Academy, in Sherborn.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on the order relative to the reformation of inebriates at the Washingtonian and Appleton Homes, was accepted in concurrence.

Subsequently, Mr. Kelley of Newburyport, moved a reconsideration, and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The reports :

Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of providing for amendment of petitions for assessment of damages ; and

Of the committee on Elections, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to so amending the election laws as

to provide some other method of electing or appointing a part of, or the whole of, the ward officers in cities ;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing the first annual report of the State Board of Health, for distribution by the Board, was accepted, and the order reported by the committee, providing for the printing of three thousand copies of said report, was adopted.

Bills :

Relating to the examination of witnesses in the courts of the Commonwealth ; and

In addition to an act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In relation to convicts committed for non-payment of fines and costs ; and

To authorize to Boston Boat Club to maintain a floating boat-house on the northerly side of West Boston Bridge ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Fitchburg Street Railway ; and

Authorizing the clerk of the courts for the county of Hampden to draw pay for clerk-hire from the county treasury ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill requiring more uniform and equitable division of profits in savings banks, was further considered. Amendments proposed by Messrs. Bigelow and Clark of Boston, were adopted. The previous question was ordered on motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy, which cut off the pending motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence to indefinitely postpone. The bill was then rejected.

The bill to authorize the governor and council to expend a sum not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars for the construction of archways in the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes, was read and considered.

Pending its consideration, the House, at one o'clock, in accordance with an order previously adopted, took a recess until two o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House reassembled at two o'clock.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves :
In favor of Harriet E. Stone ;
Granting county taxes ;
In favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;) and
In favor of Willie L. Payne ;
(Which originated in the Senate ;)
Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

.Report of a Committee.

Elihu S.
Hawkes.

Mr. Nutting of Northampton, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel, on the petition of Elihu S. Hawkes, reported a resolve in his favor. Read and referred, in course, to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The bill to authorize the governor and council to expend a sum not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars for the construction of archways in the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes, was further considered. An amendment offered by Mr. Olney of Boston to the bill moved as a substitute by Mr. Sleeper of Malden, was adopted. The same amendment moved by Mr. Codman of Boston to the bill under consideration, was also adopted. The motion of Mr. Sleeper to amend, by substituting the bill reported by the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, was lost. The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading.

The bill relating to persons confined as insane, was read.

Mr. Sleeper of Malden proposed amendments, and Mr. Shattuck of Boston offered a bill as a substitute.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, the previous question was ordered.

Before the vote was taken, the House
Adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 8, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of Brockton.

The Speaker appointed the following named gentlemen, Close of session.
on the part of the House, members of the committee to consider when the legislative session can be closed :—

Messrs. Robinson of Chicopee, Fairbanks of Fall River, Palmer of Boston, Billings of Hatfield, Ginnodo of Attleborough, Sleeper of Malden and Cushing of Cambridge.

Sent up to be joined.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Buffum of Lynn, a resolve in favor of Thomas Thomas Plunkett.
Plunkett.

By Mr. Bassett of Easthampton, a resolve in favor of Geo. Hayes.
George Hayes.

By Mr. Derby of Boston, a resolve in favor of John John O'Grady.
O'Grady.

Severally read and referred to the committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

An engrossed bill to repeal section 3 of chapter 155 of Bill passed.
the acts of the year 1873, in relation to borrowing money from sinking funds (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill for the protection of woodland against fires, introduced on leave by the Senate and referred to the committee on Agriculture, came down for concurrence, but the House non-concurred. Woodlands.

A bill in addition to an act to establish the first district court of northern Middlesex, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary. District court of Northern Middlesex.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Ball.
Judiciary, on an order on the subject, reported a bill relating to bail in criminal cases.

Robert Whipple.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the petition of the Bass River Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, reported a resolve to confirm and make valid a deed made by Robert Whipple and others, trustees.

Eastern and B. & A. Railroads.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of the mayor of Boston, reported a resolve in relation to the crossing by the Eastern and Boston and Albany railroads of certain streets at grade, in East Boston.

Probate courts.

Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order on the subject, reported a bill concerning practice in probate courts and to relieve parties affected by the unauthorized acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees.

Essex.

Mr. Hayes of Medford, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of the selectmen of Essex, reported a bill to discontinue a portion of a public landing-place in the town of Essex.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Transportation of merchandise.

Mr. Williams of Brookline, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the bill, introduced on leave, in relation to railroad corporations transporting merchandise for hire, with a petition of Charles F. Parker on the same subject, reported that the bill ought not to pass. A report of the board of railroad commissioners, with two bills on the same subject, was also submitted for the consideration of the legislature.

The bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

Adams—new bridge.

Mr. Sleeper of Malden, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, on the petition of the selectmen of Adams, reported a resolve relating to the construction and maintenance of a bridge over a town way in the town of Adams.

District court of Plymouth.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Ellis Packard and others, reported a bill to establish the first district court of Plymouth.

Severally read and referred, in course, to the committee on Finance.

Bank shares.

The report of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, inexpedient to legislate on the petitions of A. H. Burdett and others, in relation to the taxation of bank shares and deposits in savings banks, and an order as to

the expediency of amending chapter 315, acts of 1873, was discharged from the orders of the day, on motion of Mr. Cole of Cheshire, and the further consideration thereof postponed until Tuesday next.

The report of the same committee, inexpedient to legis-
late on the order as to the expediency of amending the
laws relative to the taxation of mortgaged property, and
sundry petitions in relation to the same subject, was, on
motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy, taken from the table and
placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday next.

Taxation of
mortgaged
property.

The report of the committee on Railways, leave to with-
draw, on the petition of the Massachusetts Central Rail-
road, for legislation to prevent a grade crossing of the
Ware River Railroad, in Harwich, and the remonstrance
of Nelson Amsden and others against the same, was dis-
charged from the orders of the day on motion of Mr.
Phillips of Salem, and recommitted to the committee on
Railways.

Mass. Central
R. R.

Orders of the Day.

The motion of Mr. Kelley of Newburyport, to reconsider
the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the
committee on Public Charitable Institutions, reference to
the next General Court, on the order relative to the refor-
mation of inebriates at the Washingtonian and Appleton
Homes, was lost.

Orders of the
day.

Bills :

In addition to an act relating to district courts ; and

In addition to an act to incorporate the Sawin Academy
in Sherborn ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The reports :

Of the committee on Railways, reference to the next
General Court, on the petition of Edward Atkinson and
others in relation to the South Boston Flats as terminal
ground for railroads ;

Of the committee on Public Lands, leave to withdraw
on the petition of Edward Atkinson and others, that meas-
ures be taken for the further improvement and further sale
of the Commonwealth's flats at South Boston ; and

Of the committee on Education, recommending that the
memorial of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
for a new and thorough scientific survey of the Common-
wealth, be referred to the Board of Education, with a re-

quest to consider the same and report to the next General Court ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the governor and council to expend a sum not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars for the construction of archways in the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes ; and

In relation to the laying out of highways and town ways (amended on motion of Mr. Cummings of Somerville) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To annex a part of the town of Chelmsford to the city of Lowell ; and

In addition to an act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill relating to persons confined as insane, was further considered, and amended as moved by Mr. Sleeper of Malden. The substitute, moved by Mr. Shattuck of Boston, was rejected, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the order and sundry petitions and remonstrances pertaining to the establishment of a new county, was considered,

Pending which, the usual recess was taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The last named report was further considered.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg moved to substitute the bill proposed by a minority of the committee, and, on his motion, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of substitution.

The roll was called, and the bill was rejected by a vote of 100 nays and 71 yeas.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
William G. Bassett,
John Bigelow,
Robert R. Bishop,
Sanford W. Billings,
Samuel H. Boutwell,
William B. Brown,
James N. Buffum,
Aaron O. Buxton,
Alonzo A. Carr,
James H. Carleton,
Cyrus W. Chapman,
Alfred A. Clatur,
John Cushing,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Curtis Davis,
C. C. Field,
John W. Fletcher,
William Frost,
George S. Gates,
Ziba Gay,
Addison Gilbert,
John J. Giles,
Sam'l S. Gleason,
Elbridge H. Goss,
F. E. Gray,
Charles Hale,
Abraham W. Harris,
Horace Haskins,
John F. Haskins,
Benj. F. Hayes,
John B. Hill,
N. E. Hollis,
T. M. House,
Andrew Howes,
Richardson Hutchinson,

Messrs. Edward J. Johnson,
Edward J. Jones,
Elbridge G. Kelley,
Moses Kimball,
William S. Knox,
Samuel O. Lamb,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Edward P. Loring,
Samuel Loring,
Lyman Mason,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
John J. McNutt,
John F. Moors,
Andrew M. Morton,
Avery W. Nelson,
Reuben Noble,
Charles S. Osgood,
Albert Palmer,
James O. Parker,
Smith R. Phillips,
Lawrence Reade,
Joshua C. Robinson,
William R. Roundy,
Nathaniel J. Rust,
Nathaniel Seaver,
Henry P. Shattuck,
Henry Shortle,
Joshua B. Smith,
Sumner Southworth,
Richard H. Stearns,
Daniel J. Sweeney,
James G. Tarr,
Moses Williams, Jr.,
Henry W. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
John Q. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
Joseph E. Bailey,
Emory Banister,
John H. Bell,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Richard D. Blinn,
John C. Blood,
Dennis Bonner,

Messrs. Fred'k L. Bosworth,
Reuben Boynton,
Richard Britton,
Stillman Butterworth,
Damon E. Cheney,
Francis E. Clark,
Charles R. Codman,
Patrick Collins,
Austin H. Connell,
Henry J. Couch,

Messrs. John Cummings,
 John A. Cummings,
 Ben. C. Currier,
 Francis C. Curtis,
 Thomas S. Cushman,
 John Davol, Jr.,
 I. W. Derby,
 Edward Dickinson,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 John B. Fairbanks,
 John H. Fisher,
 Joseph E. Fiske,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 Thomas Gates,
 Sam'l S. Ginnodo,
 Levi L. Goodspeed,
 Andrew J. Gove,
 Gayton M. Hall,
 Nahum B. Hall,
 Solomon E. Hallett,
 Joshua P. Haskell,
 Samuel M. Haynes,
 Benj. Heath,
 Allen Higginbottom,
 Joseph W. Hill,
 James E. Hill,
 Geo. Hodges,
 Edward G. Hull,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Erastus Jones,
 Jesse E. Keith,
 Charles H. Killam,
 George P. Kingsley,
 Henry D. Lay,
 Daniel J. Lewis,
 Willard Lewis,
 Joseph C. Little,
 Lewis Lombard,

Messrs. Charles A. Loud,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 Aaron Low,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 John T. Manny,
 Albert Mason,
 Horace H. Mayhew,
 Albert Montague,
 Joseph B. Morss,
 W. Stanley Newhall,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Richard Olney,
 Almon M. Orcutt,
 Lysander J. Orcutt,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 William E. Perkins,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Charles L. Pratt,
 Henry L. Pratt,
 J. A. G. Richardson,
 John W. Rice,
 J. A. Rich,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 Cyrus Savage,
 L. H. Sawin,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 John Shaw,
 Warren Sibley,
 Moses Smith,
 Abraham H. Smith,
 John H. Studley,
 George W. Taft,
 Leonard Washburn,
 T. W. Wellington,
 William Whiting,
 James B. Williams,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Henry V. Woods,
 George C. Wright.

Yeas, 71 ; nays, 100.

The report of the committee was then accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Loring of Fitchburg moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the report was accepted. The motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill concerning the issue of bonds by street railway corporations was read.

Mr. Codman of Boston proposed an amendment.

Pending the consideration of the bill, the House Adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 9, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Moors of Greenfield.

Paper from the Senate.

A bill to establish district courts in the county of Bristol, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary. District courts in Bristol Co.

The resolutions concerning the Boston and Albany Railroad, were taken from the table, on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, and placed in the orders of the day for Monday. Boston and Albany R. R.

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston, the bill to improve navigation in South Bay, was discharged from the orders of the day, and recommitted to the committee on Harbors. South Bay.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To establish the salaries of the justices and clerks of the municipal court of Taunton, and of the police court of Somerville ;

To establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampden ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, from the committee on Harbors, C. A. Sayward. reported leave to withdraw on the petition of C. A. Sayward and others, for a bridge over Ipswich River.

Mr. Hayes of Medford, from the committee on Towns, Boston and Winthrop. on the petition of George Turnbull and others, reported a

bill to unite the city of Boston with the town of Winthrop. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Transportation
of merchandise.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the bill in relation to railroad corporations transporting merchandise for hire, with the adverse report of the committee on Railways, and the accompanying recommendations and bills of the board of railroad commissioners in relation thereto, were ordered to be printed.

Robert Whip-
ple.

The resolve to confirm and make valid a deed made by Robert Whipple and others, trustees, was discharged from the orders of the day, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, and ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the order and sundry petitions and remonstrances relative to the establishment of a new county, was, on motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon, postponed until Tuesday next.

Bills :

To secure to the Commonwealth the value of its property in lands flowed by tide-water ;

Relating to bail in criminal cases (amended on motion of Mr. Jones of Boston) ;

Concerning practice in probate courts, and to relieve parties affected by unauthorized acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees ;

To discontinue a portion of a public landing place in the town of Essex ; and a

Resolve in relation to the crossing by the Eastern and Boston and Albany railroads, of certain streets at grade, in East Boston ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In addition to an act relating to district courts ; and

In addition to an act to incorporate the Sawin Academy in Sherborn ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill concerning the issue of bonds by street railway corporations, was further considered. Various amendments were rejected. An amendment proposed by Mr.

Palmer of Boston was adopted, and the bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, May 11, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Sanger of Danvers.

Papers from the Senate.

The bill to authorize towns and cities to subscribe for, and hold stock in, railroad corporations, was returned from the Senate, that branch insisting on its amendment to the bill, and asking for a committee of conference. The House concurred in the request, and Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Blunt of Haverhill and Olney of Boston were appointed on its part. Towns—rail-road stock.

The bill in relation to taking depositions to perpetuate testimony was returned, the Senate insisting on its amendment, and asking for a committee of conference. The House concurred, and Messrs. Codman and Olney of Boston and Adams of Quincy were appointed on its part. Depositions.

The report of the joint committee on Printing, with the order relative to printing six thousand extra copies of the report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, was also returned, the Senate non-concurring in the amendment to the order, and asking for a committee of conference. The House concurred, and Messrs. Morss of Newburyport, Savage of Taunton and Sawtelle of New Bedford were appointed on its part. Labor bureau.

Mr. Buxton of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill concerning the issue of bonds by street railway corporations was, on Saturday, passed to be engrossed. The motion to reconsider prevailed, and the question recurring on passing the bill to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. Shattuck of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered, the roll was called, and the bill was rejected by a vote of 82 nays to 69 yeas, as follows:— Street railway corporations.

YEAS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
John Q. Adams,

Messrs. George Bartholmesz,
John H. Bell,

Messrs. John Bigelow,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 Richard D. Blinn,
 Samuel H. Boutwell,
 William B. Brown,
 James N. Buffum,
 James H. Carleton,
 Austin H. Connell,
 Curtis Davis,
 John Davol, Jr.,
 I. W. Derby,
 Edward Eaton,
 Joseph M. Eaton,
 James E. Estabrook,
 John B. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 William Frost,
 John J. Giles,
 Abraham W. Harris,
 John F. Haskins,
 Benj. F. Hayes,
 Benj. Heath,
 Allen Higginbottom,
 John B. Hill,
 N. E. Hollis,
 David P. Howes,
 Edward G. Hull,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Edward J. Johnson,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Jesse E. Keith,

Messrs. Elbridge G. Kelley,
 Charles H. Killam,
 Moses Kimball,
 Henry D. Lay,
 Willard Lewis,
 Lewis Lombard,
 Edward P. Loring,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 John T. Manny,
 John B. Moore,
 Joseph B. Morss,
 W. Stanley Newhall,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Richard Olney,
 Albert Palmer,
 James O. Parker,
 Henry W. Phelps,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Lawrence Reade,
 J. A. Rich,
 William R. Roundy,
 Nathaniel Seaver,
 E. H. Seymour,
 George A. Shaw,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 George D. Smalley,
 George W. Taft,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Cyrus M. Wheaton,
 Moses Williams, Jr.,
 Henry W. Wilson,
 Samuel Winslow.

NAYS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
 Andrew Athy,
 Joseph E. Bailey,
 Emory Banister,
 Robert R. Bishop,
 Stephen F. Blaney,
 John C. Blood,
 William E. Blunt,
 Dennis Bonner,
 Reuben Boynton,
 S. W. Brayton,
 Richard Britton,
 Stillman Butterworth,
 Aaron O. Buxton,
 Cyrus W. Chapman,

Messrs. Alfred A. Clatur,
 Patrick Collins,
 Henry J. Couch,
 George G. Crocker,
 John Cummings,
 John A. Cummings,
 Benjamin C. Currier,
 Francis C. Curtis,
 Thomas S. Cushman,
 Timothy J. Dacey,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 John H. Fisher,
 Joseph E. Fiske,
 Addison Gilbert,

Messrs. Levi L. Goodspeed,
Elbridge H. Goss,
Andrew J. Gove,
Charles Hale,
Gayton M. Hall,
Horace Haskins,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Joseph W. Hill,
James E. Hill,
T. M. House,
Andrew Howes,
James D. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Erastus Jones,
William S. Knox,
Daniel J. Lewis,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Joseph C. Little,
Henry B. Lovering,
Aaron Low,
Lyman Mason,
Albert Mason,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
John J. McNutt,
James L. Merritt,

Messrs. John F. Moors,
Andrew M. Morton,
Porter Nutting,
Charles S. Osgood,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
Henry L. Pratt,
D. Franklin Reed,
J. A. G. Richardson,
Philip H. Robinson,
George D. Robinson,
Charles Robinson, Jr.,
Joseph W. Rogers,
Nathaniel J. Rust,
John Sayery,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Henry Shortle,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Joshua B. Smith,
Abraham H. Smith,
Sumner Southworth,
Ezra Stearns,
Daniel J. Sweeney,
James G. Tarr,
Artemas S. Tyler,
James B. Williams,
George C. Wright.

Yeas, 69 ; nays, 82.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the bill to secure Equal taxation.
a more equal apportionment of the state and county taxes
upon the several cities and towns, was taken from the
table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill concerning practice in probate courts, and to Probate courts.
relieve parties affected by unauthorized acts of executors,
administrators, guardians and trustees, was, on motion of
Mr. Robinson of Newton, discharged from the orders of
the day and laid on the table.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To authorize the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Com-
pany to issue additional stock, and for other purposes ;

To incorporate the Joseph Warren Monument Associa-
tion ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Represent-
atives ;) and

To extend the time for the location and construction of
the Fitchburg Street Railway Company ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed. An engrossed resolve in favor of W. R. Mudge (which originated in the Senate), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Natick—passenger station.

Mr. Shaw of Boston, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the bill to establish and confirm the judgment and order of the county commissioners of Middlesex County concerning the railway crossing and passenger station in Natick, reported that it should be referred to the next General Court.

A minority of the committee dissented from the views of the majority, and recommended the substitution of a bill.

Boston plumbers.

Mr. Bishop of Newton, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the mayor of Boston, for the passage of an act requiring plumbers doing business in Boston to obtain a license.

Employment of children.

Mr. Davol of Fall River, from the committee on the Labor Question, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order for a law prohibiting the employment of children under the age of fourteen in cotton and woollen mills.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

State prison inspectors.

Mr. Jones of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, on an order for a change of the law regulating the discipline of prisons, reported a bill defining the powers and duties of the board of inspectors of the State Prison.

Prison record.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on an order relative to prison returns, reported a bill concerning prison records and returns.

Mass. Agricultural College.

Mr. Moore of Concord, from the committee on Agriculture, on the petition of Charles G. Davis, reported a bill to establish free scholarships in the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Employment of children.

Mr. Buffum of Lynn, from the committee on the Labor Question, on an order on the subject, reported a resolve in relation to the employment of children at public exhibitions.

Ferries.

Mr. Higginbottom of Holyoke, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on the petition of the selectmen of

Agawam, reported a bill relating to apportionment of expense of maintaining ferries.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Senate resolve in favor of the state prison inspectors, reported that they found no authority for the payment of the claim, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration. The report was accepted, and the resolve was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in relation to the claim of George M. Weston, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Emily F. Wood, reported that it ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on their rejection.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve relating to the construction and maintenance of a bridge over a town way in the town of Adams, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment.

Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to establish the first district court of Plymouth, reported that it ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

The reports of the committee on Railways :

Inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of exercising the right of the Commonwealth to purchase the franchise of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, and the petition of the town of Natick in favor of the same ; and

Reference to the next General Court, on the memorial of the town of Weymouth, in relation to the Boston and Albany Railroad ; and

Of the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw on the petition of C. A. Sayward and others, for a bridge over Ipswich River ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Elections, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of amending chapter 40, acts of 1871, concerning voting lists, was accepted.

The bills :

In relation to the preservation of check-lists in cities and towns ; and

To repeal sections 8, 9 and 14 of chapter 8 of the General Statutes, relating to new elections in cities and towns, were read, and on motion of Mr. Judd of Lee, laid on the table.

The bill to apportion and assess a state tax of two million dollars, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw on the petition of Josiah Gilmore and others, for change of boundary line between Boston and Newton, was, on motion of Mr. Bishop of Newton, laid on the table.

Bills :

To supply the town of Marlborough with pure water (amended on motion of Mr. Curtis of Marlborough) ;

In relation to inquests in cases of fire (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

For the more efficient relief of the poor ;

To amend chapter 262 of the acts of the year 1872, entitled an act concerning the crossing of railroads by highways and town ways ;

To secure to the Commonwealth the value of its property in lands flowed by tide-water ;

To discontinue a portion of a public landing place in the town of Essex ; and

Resolves :

In relation to the crossing by the Eastern and Boston and Albany railroads, of certain streets at grade, in East Boston ; and

To confirm and make valid a deed made by Robert Whipple and others, trustees ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in relation to treasurers of savings banks, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently, Mr. Field of Leominster moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill had been passed to be engrossed, which motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to authorize the New England Female Medical College and the trustees of Boston University to unite, was read.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth moved to amend by substituting a bill (House Doc., No. 361), and, on his motion, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow, and the substitute ordered to be printed.

The bill to establish a reformatory prison for female convicts was read, and, pending its consideration, the House

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 12, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of Brockton.

Mr. Loud of Winchendon presented the remonstrance of A. C. Munson and 38 others of Shirley, against being included in the proposed new county of Lincoln; which was ordered to be placed on file. New county.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hayes of Medford,—

Ordered, That the committee on Towns be allowed until Tuesday next, May 19, within which to make their final reports. Committee reports.

On motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence,—

Ordered, That the joint special committee on the Usury Laws be allowed until Friday, the 15th inst., to make final report upon the matters referred to them. Do.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Parker of New Bedford, a resolve in favor of James Kelley. James Kelley.
James Kelley. Read and referred to the committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.***Railroad fares.**

The report of the committee on Railways, reference to the next General Court, on the order relative to fares on railroads and for reducing the same, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :**Franklin
County courts.**

Fixing the salary of the clerk of the courts in the county of Franklin ;

Foot-ways.

Relating to the laying out of foot-ways ; and

Proxy voting.

Concerning proxy voting by officers of corporations ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :**Central Square
Baptist Society.**

To legalize certain acts of the Central Square Baptist Society of East Boston, and for other purposes ;

**Superintendents
of schools.
Salem Railroad
Co.**

Respecting the office of superintendent of schools ;

Concerning the lease of the Salem Railway Company, and authorizing the formation of a corporation to acquire the same and maintain and operate said railway ;

**N. E. Methodist
Conference.**

To amend chapter 81 of the acts of 1826, relative to the trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church ;

**Chelsea and
Boston.**

To unite the city of Chelsea with the city of Boston ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

**Juvenile
offenders.**

The House bill relating to the jurisdiction of trial justices of juvenile offenders in Suffolk County, came down with an amendment, which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills passed.**Engrossed bills :**

Making appropriations for certain educational purposes ;

To amend some of the rules of practice in the supreme judicial and superior courts ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Authorizing the clerk of the courts in Hampden County to draw pay for clerk-hire from the county treasury ; and

Amending chapter 294 of the acts of 1872, authorizing the county commissioners of Hampden County to take land for court-house purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, reference to the next General Court, on the bill to establish and confirm the judgment and order of the county commissioners of Middlesex County, concerning the railway crossing and passenger station in Natick, was, on motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston, discharged from the orders of the day and laid upon the table. Natick—passenger station.

The recommendations of a minority of the committee, presenting a bill as a substitute for the report, were ordered to be printed.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the New England Transfer Company, and sundry petitions in relation thereto, reported that it ought not to pass. The bill was considered under a suspension of the rule and rejected. N. E. Transfer Co.

Mr. Winslow of Worcester, from the committee on Horse Railways, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Worcester and Auburn Railway Company, reported that no legislation was necessary, as the object of the bill could be accomplished under the new general law. The bill was considered under a suspension of the rule and rejected. Worcester and Auburn R. R. Co.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of William T. Hart, President of the New York and New England Railroad Company, for extension of time for taking certain land. N. Y. and N. E. R. R.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order instructing them to specially consider so much of the report of the board of railroad commissioners as relates to the transportation of milk. Milk.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order on the subject, reported a bill relating to the filing of petitions for the assessment of damages and the abatement of assessments. Petitions.

Repairs of highways.

Mr. Lucas of Carver, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on an order relative to the removal of brush from highways, reported a bill to amend section 8 of chapter 44 of the General Statutes, relating to repairs of public ways and bridges.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

New Marlborough.

Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of the town of New Marlborough, reported that it ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the order and sundry petitions and remonstrances relative to the establishment of a new county, was considered and rejected by a vote of 97 to 60.

The motion of Mr. Field of Leominster to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the bill in relation to treasurers of savings banks, was considered and carried. Various amendments to the bill were lost. The bill was then rejected by a vote of 83 to 66.

The reports :

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on the petition of the mayor of Boston, for the passage of an act requiring plumbers doing business in Boston to obtain a license ; and

Of the committee on the Labor Question, inexpedient to legislate on the order for a law prohibiting the employment of children under the age of fourteen in cotton and woollen mills and other places ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Defining the powers and duties of the board of inspectors of the state prison ;

Concerning prison records and returns ;

To establish the first district court of Plymouth ; and

Relating to the apportionment of the expense of maintaining ferries ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate resolve in favor of George M. Weston was

rejected, in accordance with the report of the committee on Finance.

The bill to establish a reformatory prison for female convicts, was further considered.

Pending its consideration, the usual noon recess was taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

An engrossed bill to annex a portion of the town of Dracut to the city of Lowell (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Whiting of Pembroke, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was recommended the bill concerning the First Christian Church and Society in Lynn, and the Mutual Sewing Society connected therewith, reported it in a new draft. First Christian Church.

Mr. Bishop of Newton, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on an order on the subject, reported a bill to amend chapter 244 of the acts of 1870, concerning manufacturing and other corporations. Corporations.

Mr. Billings of Sharon, from the committee on Education, to whom was recommended the bill to amend the laws relating to school registers and returns, reported the same in a new draft. School registers.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Little of Westport, from the committee on Harbors, on the report of the harbor commissioners, reported a bill to provide for the improvement of Boston Harbor at Junction Shoal. Read and referred, in course, to the committee on Finance. Junction Shoal, Boston Harbor.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection. Lee and New Haven R. R.

A minority of the committee dissented from the report, and recommended the passage of the bill.

Orders of the Day.

The consideration of the bill to establish a reformatory prison for female convicts was resumed. Orders of the day.

Amendments proposed by Messrs. Parker of New Bed-

ford, Lamb of Greenfield and Kimball of Boston were adopted, and the bill, as amended, by a vote of 103 to 57, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the New England Female Medical College and the trustees of Boston University to unite, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, its further consideration was postponed until Friday next.

Bills :

Relating to the examination of witnesses in the courts of the Commonwealth ; and

In relation to railroad corporations transporting merchandise for hire ;

Were severally rejected.

Subsequently, Mr. Bigelow of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the last bill had been rejected. The motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill relating to persons confined as insane was read and amended, on motion of Messrs. Buxton, Olney and Derby of Boston. The bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to unite the city of Boston with the town of Winthrop, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill in relation to bail in criminal cases was read, amended on motion of Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, and, as amended, was passed to be engrossed and immediately sent up for concurrence, under a suspension of the rule requiring the Clerk to retain the same until the time for reconsideration had expired.

The report of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of amending the laws relative to the taxation of mortgaged property, etc., was, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, specially assigned for consideration on Thursday next.

The resolutions concerning the Boston and Albany Railroad were referred to the committee on Railways, with instructions to consider the subject of shortages and report a bill if deemed advisable.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 13, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of Brockton.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven,—

Ordered, That further time be allowed to the committee Committee reports.
on Claims to report on matters referred to them.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Finance consider the Lieutenant-Governor.
expediency of providing for the compensation of His Honor
the Lieutenant-Governor.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of William H. Eaton and others, for author- Wm. H. Eaton.
ity to build and maintain a bridge across North River, from
Marshfield to South Scituate, at or near the point known
as White's Ferry, was returned from the Senate, that
branch having insisted on its reference of the same to the
committee on Roads and Bridges. The House receded
from its non-concurrence and concurred in the suspension
of the 20th joint rule and the reference of the petition.

Resolves in favor of Natina S. Gilley, and in favor of Natina S.
Gilley.
Eugene Glass.
Eugene Glass, severally introduced on leave in the Senate,
were referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Claims.

Ordered, In concurrence, that whenever any bill or re- Bills and
resolves.
solve, reported in either branch, is amended on its passage,
the same shall be reprinted as amended before being sent
to the other branch.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel
Committee.
Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad be
authorized to report in print the evidence and arguments
in matters heard by said committee whenever in their
judgment it is expedient so to do.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Do.
Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad have
until May 20, to report upon the matters now under con-
sideration before them.

Reports of Committees.

Women as
school commit-
tees.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the opinion of the judges of the supreme judicial court which was referred to them, with instructions to consider the expediency of reporting a bill declaring women eligible to serve as members of school committees.

Plymouth
County.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petitions of Henry Siders, William T. Davis and others, for a division of Plymouth County into judicial districts, and the remonstrances of I. N. Nutter, Everett Robinson and others, against the same.

Fall River.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the mayor of the city of Fall River, for amendment of the charter of said city.

Mortgages.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of legislating in regard to the power-of-sale mortgages on real estate.

State arsenals.

Mr. Richardson of Lowell, from the committee on Military Affairs, who had visited the state arsenals, in accordance with the provisions of the General Statutes, reported, recommending the sale of the arsenal at Cambridge.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Preservation of
ballots.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to amend an act concerning the preservation of ballots in towns, reported that it ought not to pass. The bill was considered, and pending the question of its rejection, on motion of Mr. Adams, was laid on the table.

District courts
for Bristol.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to establish district courts in the county of Bristol, reported that it ought to pass.

District court of
Northern Middlesex.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill in addition to an act to establish the first district court of northern Middlesex, reported that it ought to pass.

Severally referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Arsenal at
Framingham.

Mr. Porter of Beverly, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred a portion of the Governor's

address, reported a resolve relative to the erection of a dwelling-house for the superintendent of the state arsenal at South Framingham, and for grading and fencing the state camp-ground. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the bills to establish the salaries of the clerk and of the assistant-clerk of the municipal court for the southern district of the city of Boston, reported that they ought not to pass. The bills were considered under a suspension of the rule, and severally rejected.

Clerks of
Southern municipal court of
Boston.

Mr. Howes of Dennis, from the committee on the Fisheries, to whom was referred the Senate bill relative to fishing in Buzzard's Bay, reported the same in a new draft, entitled an act in addition to an act for the protection of fisheries in the head-waters of Buzzard's Bay.

Buzzard's Bay.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order on the subject, and also on the petitions of the selectmen of Reading, North Reading and Wilmington, reported a bill to amend chapter 167 of the acts of 1871, relating to slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades.

Slaughter-houses.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the same committee, on the petition of the selectmen of New Salem, reported a bill concerning the election of town officers in New Salem.

New Salem.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to provide for temporary relief of the poor, reported it in a new draft.

Relief of poor.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Elihu S. Hawkes, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

Elihu S.
Hawkes.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to provide for the improvement of Boston Harbor at Junction Shoal, reported that it ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Boston harbor.

Mr. Williams of Brookline moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House rejected the Senate bill relating to the examination of witnesses in the courts of the Commonwealth. The motion was lost.

Witnesses.

Natick—passenger station.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, reference to the next General Court, on the bill to establish and confirm the judgment and order of the county commissioners of Middlesex County, concerning the railway crossing and passenger station in Natick, was, on motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston, taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mystic River.

On motion of Mr. Endicott of Dedham, the bill to establish a harbor-line on the South Channel of Mystic River, was discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :
 Relating to the collection of taxes ;
 To extend the time for organizing the Melrose Savings Bank ;
 To authorize the city of Springfield to issue additional water-fund bonds ;
 (Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;) and
 In addition to an act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water ;
 (Which originated in the Senate ;)
 Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Railways, reference to the next General Court, on the order relative to fares on railroads, and for reducing the same, was accepted in concurrence.

The reports of the same committee :

Leave to withdraw on the petition of William T. Hart, president of the New York and New England Railroad Company, for extension of time for taking certain land ; and

Inexpedient to legislate on the order to specially consider so much of the report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners as relates to the transportation of milk ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To legalize certain acts of the Central Square Baptist Society of East Boston, and for other purposes ;

Relating to the filing of petitions for the assessment of damages and the abatement of assessments ;

To amend chapter 81 of the acts of 1826, relative to the trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church ;

To change a portion of the harbor line in Gloucester Harbor ;

Concerning swine-slaughtering associations ; and a

Resolve in favor of the town of New Marlborough ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Concerning prison records and returns ; and

Relating to the apportionment of the expense of maintaining ferries ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, to reconsider the vote whereby the House rejected the bill in relation to railroad corporations transporting merchandise for hire, was carried. The question recurring on the rejection of the bill, it was negatived, and the bill was ordered to a second reading.

The report of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, inexpedient to legislate on the petitions of H. A. Burdett and others, and Joseph White and others, in relation to the taxation of bank shares, and petitions in aid of the same ; of the selectmen of Westminster ; also an order as to the expediency of amending chapter 315, acts of 1873, relating to taxation of bank shares, and to substitute a statute therefor that shall authorize the taxation of bank shares direct in the town where the owner resides, was considered, and, pending its consideration, the usual recess was taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order on the subject, reported a bill in addition to an act to establish the city of Newton. Newton.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill relating to the laying out of foot-ways, reported it in a new draft. Foot-ways .

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The report of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, inexpedient to legislate in relation to the taxation of bank shares, was further considered.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Hatfield, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of substituting the bill presented by a minority of the committee. The roll was called and the substitute was rejected by a vote of 113 nays to 53 yeas.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William G. Bassett,
Sanford W. Billings,
Samuel P. Billings,
Enos W. Boise,
S. W. Brayton,
James N. Buffum,
Cyrus W. Chapman,
Damon E. Cheney,
Francis E. Clark,
L. J. Cole,
Francis C. Curtis,
Thomas S. Cushman,
Henry C. Davis,
Jarvis N. Dunham,
Joseph M. Eaton,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
John B. Fairbanks,
John H. Fisher,
George S. Gates,
Asahel Gates,
Elbridge H. Goss,
Andrew J. Gove,
Nahum B. Hall,
Solomon E. Hallett,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Sam'l M. Haynes,
Andrew Howes,

Messrs. James D. Hurlbut,
Edward J. Johnson,
George W. Jones,
Thomas M. Judd,
Henry D. Lay,
Joseph C. Little,
Lewis Lombard,
Samuel Loring,
Aaron Low,
Horatio A. Lucas,
Horace H. Mayhew,
David Mayhew,
William H. Murray,
Avery W. Nelson,
Porter Nutting,
Lysander J. Orcutt,
Henry L. Pratt,
J. A. Rich,
Philip H. Robinson,
Joseph W. Rogers,
E. H. Seymour,
Moses Smith,
Rufus Smith,
George D. Smalley,
Sumner Southworth,
Henry V. Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
John Q. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
Emory Banister,
Patrick Barry,

Messrs. John Bigelow,
Robert R. Bishop,
Stephen F. Blaney,
John C. Blood,
William E. Blunt,

Messrs. Dennis Bonner,
 Frederick L. Bosworth,
 Samuel H. Boutwell,
 Reuben Boynton,
 Richard Britton,
 Stillman Butterworth,
 Aaron O. Buxton,
 Albe C. Clark,
 Patrick Collins,
 Austin H. Connell,
 Henry J. Couch,
 George G. Crocker,
 John A. Cummings,
 John Cushing,
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
 Curtis Davis,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 James E. Estabrook,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Joseph E. Fiske,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 Eustace C. Fitz,
 John W. Fletcher,
 William Frost,
 John J. Giles,
 Sam'l S. Ginnodo,
 Sam'l S. Gleason,
 Brownell Granger,
 F. E. Gray,
 Gayton M. Hall,
 Abraham W. Harris,
 Horace Haskins,
 Benj. F. Hayes,
 Allen Higginbottom,
 John B. Hill,
 Joseph W. Hill,
 James E. Hill,
 Francis M. Hughes,
 Edward G. Hull,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Erastus Jones,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Elbridge G. Kelley,
 Charles H. Killam,
 Moses Kimball,
 George P. Kingsley,
 Lucius W. Knight,
 William S. Knox,

Messrs. Samuel O. Lamb,
 Willard Lewis,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Edward P. Loring,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 John T. Manny,
 Lyman Mason,
 Edward McCleave,
 Albert Montague,
 John B. Moore,
 John F. Moors,
 Joseph B. Morss,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 Reuben Noble,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Richard Olney,
 Charles S. Osgood,
 Albert Palmer,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 William E. Perkins,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Lawrence Reade,
 D. Franklin Reed,
 J. A. G. Richardson,
 John W. Rice,
 George D. Robinson,
 William R. Roundy,
 Nathaniel J. Rust,
 George J. Sanger,
 Cyrus Savage,
 Nathaniel Seaver,
 John Shaw,
 Charles L. Shaw,
 William L. Slade,
 J. K. C. Sleeper,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Abraham H. Smith,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Richard H. Stearns,
 John H. Studley,
 Daniel J. Sweeney,
 George W. Taft,
 James G. Tarr,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Timothy W. Wellington,
 Simon H. White,
 Moses Williams, Jr.,
 James B. Williams,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Henry W. Wilson,

Messrs. Samuel Winslow, Messrs. George C. Wright.
 Henry W. Wright,

Yeas, 58 ; nays, 113.

The report of the committee was accepted.

The bill to secure a more equal apportionment of the state and county taxes upon the several cities and towns was read, amended on motion of Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, and, as amended, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently, Mr. Knox of Lawrence, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill was passed, which motion was placed first in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

The bill to establish free scholarships in the Massachusetts Agricultural College was read, amended on motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield, and, as amended, ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 14, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Moors of Greenfield.

Dog tax.

Mr. Blood of Lowell presented the remonstrance of Francis Jewett and others of Lowell, against any diversion of the fund derived from the dog-tax. Placed on file.

Rules and orders.

The following order, offered by Mr. Hill of Boston, was laid over, at the request of Mr. Crocker of Boston :—

Ordered, That number 66 of the rules and orders of the House be amended by striking out in the second line the words "one-fifth," and inserting instead thereof the words "one-third."

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To amend the charter of the city of Lowell ;
 (Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)
 and

To annex a part of the town of Chelmsford to the city of Lowell ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

A resolve in favor of Catherine D. Russell, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims. Catherine D. Russell.

The bill relating to the municipal courts of the city of Boston, came down with certain amendments, which were referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary. Boston—courts.

The report of the committee of conference on the difference between the two branches in regard to the bill to authorize towns and cities to subscribe for and hold stock in railroad corporations, recommending that the Senate recede from its amendment and proposing a new amendment, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted in concurrence. Towns—rail-road stock.

Bills :

In relation to mutual fire insurance companies ; and Insurance companies.
To change the boundary line between Boston and Newton ; Boston and Newton.

(Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate ;)

Were read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy, the bill concerning the testimony of experts, and the bill relating to the acquisition of rights of way and other easements in lands by adverse use or prescription, were taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Testimony.
Easements.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on the petitions of George W. Stacy and others, for the holding of stated terms of the superior and supreme courts in Milford, was, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Milford—courts.

The bill to establish a district court in central Middlesex was, on motion of Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. District court of central Middlesex.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of authorizing cities to widen, straighten, discontinue and change the grade of county roads and highways within their respective limits, was, on motion of Mr. Olney of Highways.

Boston, taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Lee and New
Haven R. R.

On motion of Mr. Judd of Lee, the bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company was discharged from the orders of the day and postponed for consideration until Wednesday next.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on the petition of the mayor of the city of Fall River, for the passage of an act amending the charter of said city, was accepted.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, relative to the state arsenals at Cambridge and Framingham, and recommending the sale of the former, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend section 8 of chapter 44 of the General Statutes, relating to repairs of public ways and bridges ;

Fixing the salary of the clerk of the courts in the county of Franklin ;

Concerning the election of town officers in New Salem ;

To provide for the improvement of Boston Harbor, at Junction Shoal ;

In addition to an act to establish the city of Newton ;

Relating to the laying out of foot-ways ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To establish the first district court of Plymouth ;

Relating to the filing of petitions for the assessment of damages and the abatement of assessments ; and

To change a portion of the harbor line in Gloucester Harbor ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in favor of the town of New Marlborough was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend chapter 81 of the acts of 1826, relative to the trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church ; and

To legalize certain acts of the Central Square Baptist Society of East Boston, and for other purposes ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in relation to proxy voting by officers of corporations was rejected, in accordance with the report of the committee on the Judiciary.

The motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence, to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the bill to secure a more equal apportionment of the state and county taxes upon the several cities and towns, was carried.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the votes whereby the several amendments proposed by Mr. Murray of Pittsfield were adopted yesterday, were reconsidered, and the amendments were rejected.

Mr. Murray then moved to amend by striking out "*one-third*" in the third section of the bill, and inserting instead "*one-twentieth*."

Mr. Wilson of Boston objected that the amendment was not in order, the House having refused to strike out the clause which it was proposed to amend.

The Speaker ruled that the point was well taken. The House had just rejected an amendment to strike out the clause, "*including polls at one-third of a mill each*," and by refusing to strike it out, had agreed to it in that precise form, and it was not in order at the same stage of the bill to afterwards amend it by changing *one-third* to *one-twentieth*. (Cushing's Manual, §§ 98, 99.) Under rule 35 of the last House, the amendment would be in order. That rule provided, that a motion to strike out being lost, should *not preclude amendment*. But the rule of the present House (rule 89) does not save the right to amend when a simple motion to strike out has been made and rejected.

Mr. Codman of Boston then moved that *all rules* which precluded the motion of the gentleman from Pittsfield be suspended.

The Chair ruled that it was not competent for the House, upon motion, to suspend the principles of general parliamentary law. Even if the House suspended rule 99, which adopts for certain purposes Cushing's Manual, the general parliamentary rule would still remain in force ; that to refuse to strike out a part of a bill was to agree to it in that precise form, and that the part so agreed to could not afterwards, at the same stage, be amended. The House

could not suspend this general rule any more than it could the general rule requiring a majority of votes to pass a bill.

The bill was then again passed to be engrossed.

The report of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of amending the laws relative to the taxation of mortgaged property, and sundry petitions in relation to the same subject, was considered.

Mr. Noble of Westfield moved to amend the report by substituting a bill in relation to the taxation of real estate.

After debate, the bill was rejected.

The report was then accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The usual recess was then taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Report of a Committee.

Boston—courts. Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the amendments to the bill relating to the municipal courts of the city of Boston, reported that the House should concur in the same. The report was considered, and the House concurred in the amendments.

Ashby. Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of F. W. Wright and others of Ashby, for the annexation of that town to the county of Worcester. The report was accepted under a suspension of the rule.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day. The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, reference to the next General Court, on the bill to establish and confirm the judgment and order of the county commissioners of Middlesex County, concerning the railway crossing and passenger station in Natick, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently, Mr. Fairbanks of Natick moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the report was accepted. The motion was placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on the petitions of Henry Siders and others, for

a division of Plymouth County into judicial districts, and the remonstrances of I. N. Nutter and others against the same, was accepted.

The report of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate on the opinion of the judges of the supreme judicial court, referred to the committee with instructions to consider the expediency of reporting a bill declaring women eligible to serve as members of school committees, was, on motion of Mr. Palmer of Boston, laid on the table.

The report of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of legislating in regard to the power-of-sale mortgages on real estate, was, on motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton, laid on the table.

The bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of Winthrop was, on motion of Mr. Jones of Boston, postponed until Monday next.

The bill in addition to an act concerning slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades, being chapter 167 of the acts of the year 1871, was, on motion of Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, postponed until Tuesday next.

The bill to amend chapter 167 of the acts of 1871, relating to slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades, was, on motion of Mr. Olney of Boston, also postponed until the same day.

The resolve in favor of the state prison inspectors was read, and amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston. The title was also amended on motion of the same gentleman, so as to read, "Resolve in favor of Eugene L. Norton, Harmon Hall and Weston Lewis." The resolve, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The resolve in favor of Emily F. Wood was rejected, in accordance with the report of the committee on Finance.

The resolve relating to the construction and maintenance of a bridge over a town way in the town of Adams (the amendment proposed by the committee on Finance being rejected), was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In relation to the employment of children at public exhibitions (amended on motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy) ;

Respecting the office of superintendent of schools ;

Concerning the lease of the Salem Railway Company, and authorizing the formation of a corporation to acquire the same and maintain and operate said railway ;

To unite the city of Chelsea with the city of Boston

(amended on motion of Mr. Hayes of Medford and Mr. Codman of Boston) ;

Concerning the First Christian Church and Society in Lynn, and the Mutual Sewing Society connected therewith (amended on motion of Mr. Lamb of Greenfield) ;

To amend chapter 224 of the acts of 1870, concerning manufacturing and other corporations ;

To amend the laws relating to school registers and returns ;

In addition to an act for the protection of fisheries in the head-waters of Buzzard's Bay ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill defining the powers and duties of the board of inspectors of the state prison was, on motion of Mr. Jones of Boston, recommitted to the committee on Prisons.

The bill to apportion and assess a state tax of two million dollars was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to provide for the temporary relief of the poor, was read.

Point of order.

Mr. Shaw of Boston raised the point of order, that the bill was not properly before the House, it not being competent for the committee to report such a bill.

The Chair sustained the objection. The bill which came from the Senate, and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary, was a bill "to authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for the temporary relief of the poor." Its provisions applied only to that city. The committee had reported, in a new draft, a bill "to provide for temporary relief of the poor," applicable to all cities and towns in the Commonwealth. A committee could not thus change a special to a general bill. They must keep within the scope of the subject-matter referred to them.

The bill was accordingly laid aside.

The bill in relation to railroad corporations transporting merchandise for hire, was read and considered.

Pending its consideration, the House
Adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 15, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of Brockton.

An engrossed bill to authorize the trustees of the state lunatic hospital at Worcester to sell the aqueduct now used in connection with their hospital (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

Mr. Cole of Cheshire asked leave to introduce a bill in addition to an act relating to taxation of shares in national banks. Taxation of bank shares. The bill being referred to the next General Court, under the 20th joint rule, Mr. Cole moved to suspend the rule, but the motion was lost. Subsequently, Mr. Cole move a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House refused to suspend the rule. The motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Papers from the Senate.

The House bill relating to liens on buildings and lands, Liens. passed to be engrossed by the Senate in concurrence with an amendment, was referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill in addition to an act relating to liens on buildings and lands, Do. passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the same committee.

A bill to incorporate the trustees of the Anderson School of Natural History, Anderson School. passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Messrs. Worster and Babson of Boston, for relief in relation to certain coupons of the bonds of the state of Massachusetts, which are past due, and which the treasurer of the state refuses to pay. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Messrs. Worster & Babson.

Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve relative to the erection of a dwelling-house for the superintendent of the state arsenal at South Framingham, and for grading and Arsenal at So. Framingham.

fencing the state camp-ground, reported that it ought to pass.

Savings bank
commissioners.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to establish a board of savings bank commissioners, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment.

Bristol district
courts.

Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill to establish district courts in the county of Bristol, reported that it ought to pass.

District court of
northern Mid-
dlesex.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill in addition to an act to establish the first district court of northern Middlesex, reported that the same ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Lieutenant-
Governor.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on an order on the subject, reported a resolve for compensating the lieutenant-governor and commander-in-chief. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Usury.

Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the committee on the Usury Laws, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Peter T. Homer and others, that the subject of the usury laws be considered by a special committee and for legislation thereon, and also on the expediency of altering the laws as to mortgages of real estate, so that mortgages may be uniform, and that parties having the right of redemption may be duly protected; and also the petition of George R. Spear and others upon the same subject.

A minority of the committee dissented from the report, and presented a bill regulating rates of interest on money.

The report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mutual fire
insurance com-
panies.

The bill in relation to mutual fire insurance companies was, on motion of Mr. Shaw of Springfield, discharged from the orders of the day and postponed until Tuesday next.

Rule 66.

The order relative to amending the 66th rule of the House, laid over yesterday, was rejected.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The bill to establish a district court in central Middlesex was read, amended in accordance with the report of the

committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In addition to an act to establish the city of Newton ;
and

Concerning the First Christian Church and Society in Lynn, and the Mutual Sewing Society connected therewith ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill concerning the lease of the Salem Railway Company, and authorizing the formation of a corporation to acquire the same and maintain and operate said railway, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Natick to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, reference to the next General Court, on the bill to establish and confirm the judgment and order of the county commissioners of Middlesex County, concerning the railway crossing and passenger station in Natick, was considered.

Pending its consideration, the House took its usual recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

Relating to the jurisdiction of trial justices of juvenile offenders ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

In relation to convicts committed for non-payment of fines and costs ;

In relation to the Charles River and Warren bridges ; and

In addition to, and amendatory of, an act authorizing the construction of a new state prison building ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Paper from the Senate.

A bill relating to the Old South Society in Boston, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Old South
Society.

Reports of Committees.

South Bay.

Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, from the committee on Harbors, reported reference to the next General Court on the petition of H. W. Wilson and others, for such legislation as will enable abutters on South Bay to improve their property and enable the city of Boston to lay out streets thereon. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mystic River.

The bill to establish a harbor line on the south channel of Mystic River, was, on motion of Mr. Endicott of Dedham, taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Divorce.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to providing that any party to a suit in which a divorce nisi or a divorce from bed and board has been decreed, may apply to the supreme judicial court to have a decree from the bonds of matrimony entered between the parties, with terms respecting alimony and custody of children, was, on motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote concerning the railway crossing and passenger station in Natick was resumed, and the motion to reconsider carried.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Natick, the report was amended by substituting the bill proposed by a minority of the committee, entitled "an act to establish a public carriage-way and crossing in Natick," by a vote of 89 to 58. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Bills :

To authorize the New England Female Medical College and the trustees of Boston University to unite (amended on motion of Mr. Mason of Boston) ; and

To change the boundary line between Boston and Newton (amended on motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill in relation to railroad corporations transporting merchandise for hire, was further considered.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston moved to amend by substituting a bill on the same subject (House Doc., No. 389). The

bill was substituted, and, under rule No. 60, was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for further consideration on its second reading.

The resolve in favor of Elihu S. Hawkes was considered. The question of rejecting it, as recommended by the committee on Finance, was negatived, and the resolve was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

The bill to establish free scholarships in the Massachusetts Agricultural College, was read.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the bill was amended by substituting therefor a resolve in favor of said college. Under rule 60 the resolve was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for further consideration on its second reading.

The bill concerning swine-slaughtering associations was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently, Mr. Lamb of Greenfield moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed. The motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on the petitions of George W. Stacy, John Madden and others, for the holding of stated terms of the superior and supreme courts of Milford, was considered.

Pending the question of amending the report, by substituting a bill as moved by Mr. Reade of Milford, on motion of Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg, the report was amended by substituting reference to the next General Court. The report was accepted, and the petitions were referred to the next General Court.

The report of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of authorizing cities to widen, straighten, discontinue and change the grade of county roads and highways within their respective limits, was accepted.

The bill relating to the acquisition of rights of way and other easements in lands by adverse use or prescription, was, on motion of Mr. Olney of Boston, laid on the table.

The bill concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes, was read and amended on motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy. Mr. Tyler of Lowell moved to amend.

Pending the consideration of the subject, the House Adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 16, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Sanger of Danvers.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton,—

School-houses.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 38 of the General Statutes, in relation to the taking of lands for school-houses, in order that proceedings for that purpose may be simplified.

*Papers from the Senate.*John Beattie,
Jr.

A bill to authorize John Beattie, Jr., to construct a wharf in Westport, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston Mutual
Widow's and
Orphan's Asso-
ciation.

A bill to incorporate the Boston Mutual Widow's and Orphan's Association, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bill passed.

An engrossed bill, to authorize towns and cities to subscribe for and hold stock in railroad corporations (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Relief of the
poor.

Mr. Shaw of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House refused to allow the committee on the Judiciary to withdraw the bill for the temporary relief of the poor, which was reported by that committee and ruled out by the Chair. The motion was rejected.

Usury.

The report of the joint special committee on the Usury Laws, leave to withdraw on the petitions of Peter T. Homer and others, that the subject of the usury laws be considered by a special committee, and for legislation thereon, and also the expediency of altering the laws relating to mortgages of real estate, etc., was, on motion of Mr. Lamb of Greenfield, discharged from the orders of of the day and laid upon the table.

*Reports of Committees.*New bridge
across Charles
River.

Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of John Chandler and others, reported a bill to authorize the construction of a new

bridge and avenue across the Charles River between Boston and Cambridge. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Howes of Dennis, from the committee on the Fisheries, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of amending an act of the present year to amend chapter 384, acts of 1869, for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes. The report was accepted under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Finance, leave to withdraw on the petition of Messrs. Worster and Babson for relief in relation to certain coupons of bonds of the state of Massachusetts, which are past due, and which the treasurer of the State refuses to pay, was accepted. Orders of the day.

Bills :

Concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes (amended on motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy) ;

Relating to the Old South Society in Boston ;

To establish district courts in the county of Bristol ;

In addition to an act to establish the First District Court of northern Middlesex ;

To establish a harbor line on the south channel of Mystic River ; and a

Resolve for compensating the lieutenant-governor and commander-in-chief ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The motion of Mr. Cole of Cheshire to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to suspend the 20th joint rule to admit a bill in addition to an act relating to taxation of shares in national banks, was lost.

The motion of Mr. Lamb of Greenfield to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the bill concerning swine-slaughtering associations, was carried.

The bill was amended on motion of Mr. Lamb, and, as amended, was again passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend section 8 of chapter 44 of the General Statutes, relating to repairs of public ways and bridges ;

To amend chapter 224 of the acts of 1870, concerning manufacturing and other corporations ;

To amend the laws relating to school registers and returns ;

To provide for the improvement of Boston Harbor at Junction Shoal ; and

Resolves :

In favor of the Massachusetts Agricultural College ; and

Relating to the construction and maintenance of a bridge over a town way in the town of Adams ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill fixing the salary of the clerk of the courts for the county of Franklin, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in relation to railroad corporations transporting merchandise for hire, was read and considered.

Amendments moved by Messrs. Bigelow, Frost and Olney of Boston, and Mason of Plymouth, were adopted. On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the bill was then indefinitely postponed.

The bill concerning the testimony of experts, was read, and rejected.

The resolve in favor of the State Prison Inspectors, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston by substituting a resolve therefor, and rejected.

The bill in relation to the employment of children at public exhibitions, was read, and pending its consideration, the House

Adjourned.

MONDAY, May 18, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Sanger of Danvers.

Disaster at Williamsburg.

Mr. Billings of Hatfield presented the petition of the selectmen of Williamsburg and Northampton, and 87 others, praying for relief in consequence of the disaster which has befallen said towns from the bursting of a reservoir on Mill River ; which was referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Billings of Hatfield, Blunt of Haverhill, Wilson of Boston, Robinson of Chicopee,

Howes of Reading, Bosworth of Taunton, Jones of Spencer and Jenkins of Abington, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee appointed upon the petition of the selectmen and others of the town of Williamsburg be authorized to visit the scene of the recent disaster. Sent up for concurrence.

Disaster at Williamsburg.

Mr. Wilson of Boston offered the following order, which was adopted under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, and sent up for concurrence:—

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply and Drainage be directed to consider and report whether any legislation is necessary to provide for the supervision of the construction and maintenance of impounding reservoirs.

Impounding reservoirs.

Papers from the Senate.

A compilation from public journals of reports of the state musters of 1859 and 1870, for presentation to the state library, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Library.

Musters of 1859 and 1870.

A bill to amend chapter 25 of the General Statutes, relative to fence-viewers, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Fence-viewers.

A resolve concerning the width of rims of wheels, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Rims of wheels.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House indefinitely postponed the bill in relation to railroad corporations transporting merchandise for hire. The motion was considered and lost.

Transportation of merchandise.

Mr. Parker of New Bedford moved that the petition of the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railway Company, for authority to issue bonds, be taken from the files and recommitted to the committee on Horse Railways.

Newburyport and Amesbury Horse R. R.

Mr. Hale of Boston raised the point of order, that the petition had once been referred to the committee, and a bill reported thereon rejected by the House, and that the petition could not be further considered at this session.

The Chair ruled that the point was well taken, and that the motion to recommit could not be entertained.

Mr. Parker then asked leave to introduce a bill to authorize the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company to issue bonds, and moved a suspension of the 20th joint rule for that purpose. The House refused to suspend the rule.

Usury.

The report of the joint special committee on the Usury Laws, leave to withdraw on the petitions of Peter T. Homer and others, that the subject of the usury laws be considered by a special committee, etc., was, on motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence, taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

In addition to an act to incorporate the Sawin Academy in Sherborn ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To legalize certain acts of the Central Square Baptist Society of East Boston, and for other purposes ; and

To amend chapter 81 of the acts of 1826, relative to the trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves passed.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of Abel C. Martin ;

In favor of John Farran ; and

In favor of Catherine Waterman, administratrix ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Harbors, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of H. W. Wilson and others, for such legislation as will enable abutters on South Bay to improve their property and enable the city of Boston to lay out streets thereon, was, on motion of Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, postponed until to-morrow.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to providing that any party to a suit in which a divorce nisi or a divorce from bed and board has been decreed, may apply to the supreme judicial court to have a decree from the bonds of

matrimony entered between the parties, with terms respecting alimony and custody of children, was, on motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence, postponed until to-morrow.

The resolve relative to the erection of a dwelling-house for the superintendent of the state arsenal at South Framingham, and for grading and fencing the state campground, and the bill to authorize John Beattie, Jr., to construct a wharf in Westport, were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bills to unite the city of Chelsea with the city of Boston, and to unite the city of Boston and the town of Winthrop, were, on motion of Mr. Jones of Boston, laid on the table.

The bill in relation to the employment of children at public exhibitions was further considered, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

In addition to an act for the protection of fisheries in the head-waters of Buzzard's Bay ;

Relating to the laying out of foot-ways (amended on motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston) ;

To authorize the New England Female Medical College and the trustees of Boston University to unite ;

To establish a harbor line on the south channel of Mystic River ; and a

Resolve for compensating the lieutenant-governor and commander-in-chief ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To change the boundary line between Boston and Newton ;

Relating to the Old South Society in Boston ; and

Respecting the office of superintendent of schools ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill concerning the election of town officers in New Salem was read, and Mr. Knox of Lawrence moved to amend by substituting "a bill concerning the election of town officers." Mr. Shaw of Boston objected that the proposed substitute was a general bill, while the petition upon which the first named bill was reported, called only for a special act applicable to the town of New Salem.

The Chair ruled that the objection was well taken, that a private or special bill could not be changed by amendment to a general law, and that the amendment was not in order. (Cushing's Law and Practice of Leg. Ass., § 1368.)

The bill was then passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to establish a board of savings bank commissioners, was read, and amended as recommended by the committee on Finance. An amendment proposed by Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, was also adopted. The bill, as amended, was then rejected.

The bill to establish a public carriage-way and crossing in Natick was read.

Pending its consideration the House
Adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 19, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

• Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of Brockton.

Papers from the Senate.

Militia.

A bill concerning the militia, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Nuisances.

A bill in relation to nuisances, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Real estate.

Information was received that the Senate had rejected the House bill relating to proceedings affecting the title to real estate.

Introduced on Leave.

Boston—South Bay.

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston, the 20th joint rule was suspended, and leave was granted him to introduce a bill to amend an act of the present year in addition to an act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out a public street or way across South Bay. The bill was referred to the committee on Harbors, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, the report of the committee on Harbors, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of H. W. Wilson and others, for such legislation as will enable abutters on South Bay to

improve their property and enable the city of Boston to lay out streets thereon, was discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

Concerning public administrators ;

Relating to the municipal courts of the city of Boston ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;) and

Concerning the lease of the Salem Street Railway, and authorizing the formation of a corporation to acquire the same, and maintain and operate said railway (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve in relation to the crossing by the Eastern and Boston and Albany Railroads of certain streets at grade in East Boston (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

Orders of the Day.

The bill to authorize the construction of a new bridge and avenue across the Charles River between Boston and Cambridge, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the day.

The bill concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in addition to an act to establish the first district court of northern Middlesex, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The consideration of the bill to establish a public carriage-way and crossing in Natick, was resumed. The bill was amended, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, and as amended, ordered to a third reading.

The bill in addition to an act concerning slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades, being chapter 167 of the acts of the year 1871, was read. Pending discussion thereof the House took the usual recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Mason of Boston, from the committee on Towns, to whom were referred the petitions of J. H. Merrill and others, for the annexation of Cambridge to Boston, and

Cambridge and Boston.

sundry remonstrances against the same, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Revere.

Mr. Ginnodo of Attleborough, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the selectmen of Revere, for the annexation of that town to Boston, reported that the same be referred to the next General Court.

Malden and Boston.

Mr. Mayhew of Charlemont, from the committee on Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of George P. Cox and others, for the annexation of Malden to Boston.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Troy and Greenfield R. R.

Mr. Granger of Boston, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, to whom was referred the petition of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company for re-imbursement for rebuilding certain buildings on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other claims, reported a resolve for the payment of certain constructions and repairs on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Children.

Mr. Buffum of Lynn, from the committee on the Labor Question, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Address as relates to half-time schools, reported a resolve concerning the education of children employed in manufacturing establishments. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Introduced on Leave.

Lexington.

Mr. Mason of Boston asked leave to introduce a bill to amend an act to authorize the town of Lexington to raise money for a centennial celebration, and moved a suspension of the 20th joint rule. The motion was carried, leave was granted to introduce the bill, and on motion of Mr. Mason, the rule requiring the bill to be referred to a committee was suspended, and it was ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Williamsburg and Northampton.

A communication from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting the following resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of Connecticut, came down from the Senate :—

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, May Session, A. D. 1874.

Whereas, a calamity unparalleled in New England in its suddenness and in its destructiveness to life and property, has occurred in our sister state of Massachusetts, whereby the once prosperous villages of Williamsburg, Haydenville, Leeds and Florence have become the scene of utter desolation and a heavy woe; therefore,

By this General Assembly,

Be it Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be hereby authorized and requested to tender to the state of Massachusetts an expression of our profoundest sympathies in this overwhelming calamity;

And be it further Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be appropriated from the treasury of this state, and made subject to the draft of His Excellency the Governor, to be applied by him in such manner as he shall deem best for the relief of the sufferers by the aforesaid calamity.

Ordered, In concurrence, that Messrs. Norcross, Aiken and Hayes, with such as the House may join, be a committee to consider what disposition shall be made of the resolutions from the state of Connecticut relative to the disaster at Williamsburg.

A bill to enable the Governor of the Commonwealth to preserve the public peace and enforce the laws, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. State police.

Orders of the Day.

The consideration of the bill in addition to an act concerning slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades, being chapter 167 of the acts of the year 1871, was resumed. Amendments striking out sections 2, 3, and 4, and portions of section 5, moved by Mr. Robinson of Newton, were adopted. The bill was then rejected. Orders of the day.

Bills :

To amend chapter 167 of the acts of 1871, relating to slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades;

In relation to mutual fire insurance companies (amended on motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield); and

To incorporate the trustees of the Anderson School of

Natural History (amended on motion of Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to providing that any party to a suit in which a divorce nisi or a divorce from bed and board has been decreed, may apply to the supreme judicial court to have a decree from the bonds of matrimony entered between the parties, with terms respecting alimony and custody of children, was considered. Mr. Robinson of Newton moved to amend the report by substituting a bill in relation to divorce. The amendment was rejected, after debate, and the report was accepted.

The report of the joint special committee on the Usury Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Peter T. Homer and others, that the subject of the usury laws be considered by a special committee, and for legislation thereon, and also the expediency of so altering the laws of mortgages of real estate that mortgages may be uniform and that parties having the right of redemption may be duly protected ; also the petition of George R. Spear and others upon the same subject, was considered. Mr. Carleton of Haverhill moved to amend the report by substituting a bill regulating the rates of interest on money. The amendment was rejected, after debate, and the report was accepted. Mr. Williams of Douglas subsequently moved a reconsideration of the acceptance of the report, which motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The resolve in favor of Elihu S. Hawkes was read, and considered. After debate, the resolve was ordered to a third reading. Mr. Kimball of Boston called for the verification of the vote by the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

Before the roll was called, the House
Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 20, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of Brockton.

*Papers from the Senate.***Bills :**

To authorize the commissioners for the county of Franklin to lay out and construct a highway and bridge over Connecticut River, between the towns of Gill and Montague, in said county ;

Bridge over
Connecticut
River at Gill.

Relating to Parker Street, known as the Cross Dam, in the city of Boston ;

Cross Dam or
Parker Street.

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Middlesex to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Malden River, in the town of Everett ;

Bridge over
Malden River in
Everett.

To incorporate the Flax Pond Water Company ; and

Flax Pond
Water Co.
Shawmut Boat
Club.

To authorize the Shawmut Boat Club to construct and maintain a boat-house ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

The House bill concerning bail in criminal cases, came down from the Senate, with an amendment, which was referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bail in criminal
cases.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House rejected the bill in addition to an act concerning slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades, being chapter 167 of the acts of 1871. The motion was lost by a vote of 57 to 81.

Slaughter
houses.

Mr. Robinson of Newton moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the committee on the Judiciary on an order relative to a divorce from the bonds of matrimony after a decree nisi, or from bed and board, has been entered. The motion was lost.

Divorce.

The Speaker appointed the following gentlemen, on the part of the House, as the committee to consider what disposition shall be made of the resolutions from the State of Connecticut, relative to the disaster at Williamsburg : Messrs. Codman of Boston, Adams of Quincy, Slade of Somerset, Sprague of Framingham, Reed of Weymouth, Davol of Fall River, Harris of Wrentham, and Pratt of Grafton.

Disaster at
Williamsburg.

Marlborough—
water supply.

An engrossed bill to supply the town of Marlborough with pure water (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

James Kelley.
Geo. Hayes.
Daniel O'Grady.
Thos. Plunkett.

Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the several resolves (on leave) in favor respectively of James Kelley, George Hayes, Daniel O'Grady and Thomas Plunkett, reported a resolve in a new draft, in favor of James Kelley, George Hayes, Daniel O'Grady and Thomas Plunkett, which was read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Ventilation of
Representa-
tives' Chamber.

Mr. Wiley of Boston, from the committee on the State House, who were instructed to consider what measures can be taken to secure better ventilation of the Representatives' chamber, reported a resolve providing for the expense of securing a better ventilation of the Representatives' chamber.

On motion of the same gentleman, the rule requiring the resolve to be referred to the committee on Finance was suspended, and it was ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The motion of Mr. Williams of Douglas, to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the joint special committee on the Usury Laws (leave to withdraw) on the petitions of Peter T. Homer and others, on the subject of the usury laws, etc., was, on motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

Mr. Kimball of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of ordering to a third reading, the resolve in favor of Elihu S. Hawkes. The motion was carried, and the call for the yeas and nays was negatived. The Speaker then declared the resolve ordered to a third reading, on the *viva voce* vote of yesterday.

Reports of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw on petition of Geo. P. Cox and others, for the annexation of Malden to Boston; and

On the petitions of J. N. Merrill and others, and the remonstrances of Wm. L. Whitney and others, in relation

to the annexation of Cambridge to Boston, were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve concerning the education of children employed in manufacturing establishments, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve relative to the erection of a dwelling-house for the superintendent of the state arsenal at South Framingham, and for grading and fencing the state campground, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize John Beattie, Jr., to construct a wharf in Westport, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company, was considered, the question being on its rejection.

Pending the consideration of the bill, the House took the usual recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, the Senate bill (on leave) to incorporate the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society, was taken from the table. The House concurred in the suspension of the 20th joint rule, and in the reference of the bill to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Woman's Baptist Missionary Society.

The following matters were severally taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow :—

On motion of Mr. Olney of Boston, the bill to amend "an act to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances and the preservation of the public health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville." Miller's River.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of legislating in regard to the power-of-sale mortgages on real estate ; Mortgages.

The report of the committee on Harbors, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of H. W. Wilson and others, for such legislation as will enable abutters on South Bay to improve their property and enable the city of Boston to lay out streets thereon ; and Boston—South Bay.

The bill relating to the acquisition of rights of way and other easements in lands by adverse use or prescription. Rights of way.

Boston and
Newton—
boundary.

On motion of Mr. Hayes of Medford the report of committee on towns, leave to withdraw on petition of Josiah Gilmore and others for change of boundary between Boston and Newton; and the bills

Boston and
Winthrop.

To unite the city of Boston and the town of Winthrop; and

Boston and
Chelsea.

To unite the city of Chelsea with the city of Boston.

Boston and
Revere.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Boston, the report of the committee on Towns, reference to the next General Court, on petition of the selectmen of Revere for the annexation of that town to Boston, was discharged from the orders of the day and considered:

The same gentleman moved to amend the report by substituting a bill to unite the city of Boston with the town of Revere.

Pending this motion, the report was, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

Report of a Committee.

Troy and
Greenfield R. R.

Mr. Granger of Boston, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, upon the report of Edward S. Philbrick in reference to the condition of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, reported a bill to provide for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, which was referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Paper from the Senate.

Charles Bur-
leigh.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad have until Monday next to report upon the claim of Charles Burleigh which has been recommitted to them for their consideration.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company, was further considered. The rejection of the bill, as recommended by the committee on Railways, was negatived. On motion of Mr. Judd of Lee, the rule requiring the bill to be referred to the committee on Finance was suspended, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

The bill to establish a district court in central Middlesex, was read, and on motion of Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, postponed until to-morrow.

The bill to establish district courts in the county of Bristol was read. Mr. Parker of New Bedford moved that it be postponed until to-morrow.

Pending the motion, the House
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 21, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of Brockton.

Papers from the Senate.

The House bill in addition to an act relating to district courts, came down with an amendment, which was referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary. District courts.

The report of the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches on the bill relating to taking depositions for perpetuating testimony, which was accepted by the Senate, was read, and on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. The committee recommended the passage of the bill in a new draft, as printed in Senate Doc., No. 271. Depositions.

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Bassett of Easthampton, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Eugene Glass, reported that the same ought not to pass. Eugene Glass.

Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Cole of Cheshire, the petition of the selectmen of Cheshire and 94 others, citizens of said town, for the better security of reservoir dams and responsibility of reservoir companies. Reservoirs.

Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, and sent up for concurrence.

The House refused to suspend the 20th joint rule, as moved by Mr. House of Brockton, to admit the petition of the committee of the First Parish of North Bridgewater for a change of name. North Bridge-water.

*Introduced on Leave.***American Whip Co.**

On motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield, the 20th joint rule was suspended to allow him to introduce a bill to confirm the organization of the American Whip Company.

On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were suspended, and the bill took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent at once to the Senate for concurrence.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

Fixing the salary of the clerk of the courts for the county of Franklin ;

Relating to the Old South Society in Boston ;
(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

For the more efficient relief of the poor ;

In relation to the laying out of highways and town ways ;

To secure to the Commonwealth the value of its property in lands flowed by tide-water ; and

In relation to inquests in cases of fire ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.***Orders of the day.**

Bills :

Relating to Parker Street, known as the Cross Dam, in the city of Boston ; and

To authorize the Shawmut Boat Club to construct and maintain a boat-house ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to establish district courts in the county of Bristol, was further considered and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to establish a district court in Central Middlesex, was considered.

The House rejected a motion of Mr. Nelson of Stow, to amend, and of Mr. Curtis of Marlborough, to refer the bill to the next General Court, the latter by a vote of 69 to 69, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate Resolve concerning the width of rims of

wheels, was read a second time, and rejected by a vote of 23 to 81.

The motion of Mr. Williams of Douglas, to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the joint special committee on the Usury Laws (leave to withdraw) on the petitions of Peter T. Homer and others, was considered and rejected.

The Senate bill concerning the militia was considered.

Pending the consideration of an amendment moved by Mr. Collins of Boston, the House took the usual recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill to annex a part of the town of Tewksbury to the city of Lowell, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Tewksbury and Lowell.

The report of the joint special committee upon the resolutions of the state of Connecticut relating to the disaster at Williamsburg, came down from the Senate. The committee reported the following resolutions, which, under a suspension of the rule, were passed in concurrence. Williamsburg disaster.

RESOLUTIONS

In response to the Action of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut relative to the Disaster at Williamsburg.

Whereas, A copy of resolutions adopted by unanimous vote of the general assembly of the state of Connecticut, expressive of the deep interest and solicitude of her people, awakened by the overwhelming calamity which has overtaken the residents of the valley of Mill River, and making a munificent appropriation for their relief, has been transmitted by His Excellency Charles R. Ingersoll, governor of said state, to His Honor the lieutenant-governor of this Commonwealth, and by him communicated to the legislature; therefore,

Resolved, That we welcome with tender sensibility and profound gratitude this noble utterance of the people of a sister state who, in an hour of great loss and bereavement to so many of our people, and while a sudden and appalling disaster has brought sorrow to all our hearts, have hastened to share our affliction and alleviate our suffering by their cordial expression of deep sympathy and fraternal regard.

Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions transmitted to us be extended upon the records of the general court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as a memorial of the charity bestowed thereby, and the grateful friendship therein expressed.

Resolved, That His Honor the lieutenant-governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to His Excellency the governor of the state of Connecticut.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

Relating to superintendents of schools ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

To establish the salaries of certain judges and registers of probate and insolvency ;

Concerning prison records and returns ;

Fixing the times and places of holding the probate courts in the county of Essex ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed resolve to confirm and make valid a deed made by Robert Whipple and others, trustees (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The bill concerning the militia was further considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Thurston of Cambridge and Osgood of Salem were adopted. The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend an act to authorize the town of Lexington to raise money for a centennial celebration, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the governor of the Commonwealth to preserve the public peace and enforce the laws, was read.

Mr. Fiske of Needham moved to amend the bill by substituting the bill printed in House document, No. 402, but the amendment was lost. On motion of Mr. Fiske the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of ordering the bill to a third reading. The roll was called and the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 128 yeas to 75 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
John Q. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
Emory Banister,
Patrick Barry,
George Bartholmesz,
William G. Bassett,
John H. Bell,
John Bigelow,
Samuel P. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Richard D. Blinn,
John C. Blood,
William E. Blunt,
Enos W. Boise,
Dennis Bonner,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,
Richard Britton,
William B. Brown,
Stillman Butterworth,
Aaron O. Buxton,
James H. Carleton,
Alfred A. Clatur,
Charles R. Codman,
Patrick Collins,
Austin H. Connell,
Henry J. Couch,
J. W. Coveney,
George G. Crocker,
John A. Cummings,
Levi L. Cashing, Jr.,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Curtis Davis,
Henry C. Davis,
John Davol, Jr.,
L. W. Derby,
Edward Dickinson,
Jarvis N. Dunham,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
Augustus B. Endicott,
James E. Estabrook,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
John W. Fletcher,
William Frost,
Thomas Gates,

Messrs. Asahel Gates,
Wm. B. Gibson,
John J. Giles,
Andrew J. Gove,
Brownell Granger,
F. E. Gray,
Charles Hale,
Gayton M. Hall,
Horace Haskins,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Samuel M. Haynes,
Benj. Heath,
Allen Higginbottom,
Joseph W. Hill,
James E. Hill,
Geo. Hodges,
David P. Howes,
Francis M. Hughes,
Edward G. Hull,
James D. Hurlbut,
Edward J. Johnson,
Jonathan Johnson,
George W. Jones,
Edward J. Jones,
Elbridge G. Kelley,
George P. Kingsley,
Lucius W. Knight,
William S. Knox,
Samuel O. Lamb,
Joseph C. Little,
Samuel Loring,
Henry B. Lovering,
John T. Manny,
Albert Mason,
Edward McCleave,
Daniel McCowan,
John J. McNutt,
John B. Moore,
Andrew M. Morton,
William H. Murray,
W. Stanley Newhall,
Reuben Noble,
Porter Nutting,
Richard Olney,
Almon M. Orcutt,
Charles S. Osgood,

Messrs. James O. Parker,
 William E. Perkins,
 Smith R. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Richard Pope,
 Charles L. Pratt,
 Henry L. Pratt,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 J. A. G. Richardson,
 John W. Rice,
 George D. Robinson,
 Nathaniel J. Rust,
 Cyrus Savage,
 Nathaniel Seaver,
 E. H. Seymour,
 George A. Shaw,
 Charles L. Shaw,
 Henry P. Shattuck,

Messrs. Joshua B. Smith,
 Albert Smith,
 Moses Smith,
 Rufus Smith,
 Ezra Stearns,
 John H. Studley,
 Daniel J. Sweeney,
 George W. Taft,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Artemas S. Tyler,
 Warren Tyler,
 Michael F. Wells,
 T. W. Wellington,
 Moses Williams, Jr.,
 James B. Williams,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Henry W. Wilson,
 Henry W. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Sanford W. Billings,
 Reuben Boynton,
 James N. Buffum,
 Cyrus W. Chapman,
 Damon E. Cheney,
 Albe C. Clark,
 Francis E. Clark,
 L. J. Cole,
 Francis C. Curtis,
 John Cushing,
 Thomas S. Cushman,
 Joseph M. Eaton,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 John B. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 Joseph E. Fiske,
 Eustace C. Fitz,
 George S. Gates,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Sam'l S. Ginnodo,
 Elbridge H. Goss,
 Nahum B. Hall,
 Solomon E. Hallett,
 Abraham W. Harris,
 John F. Haskins,
 Benj. F. Hayes,
 John B. Hill,
 T. M. House,
 Andrew Howes,

Messrs. John B. Hull,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Erastus Jones,
 Jesse E. Keith,
 Charles H. Killam,
 Moses Kimball,
 Henry D. Lay,
 Daniel J. Lewis,
 Willard Lewis,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Lewis Lombard,
 Charles A. Loud,
 Edward P. Loring,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 Julius M. Lyon,
 Lyman Mason,
 Horace H. Mayhew,
 David Mayhew,
 Albert Montague,
 John F. Moors,
 Avery W. Nelson,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 Francis E. Porter,
 D. Franklin Reed,
 J. A. Rich,
 Joshua C. Robinson,
 Joseph W. Rogers,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 John Shaw,

Messrs. Henry Shortle,
 William L. Slade,
 J. K. C. Sleeper,
 Abraham H. Smith,
 George D. Smalley,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Sumner Southworth,
 Richard H. Stearns,

Messrs. James G. Tarr,
 Leonard Washburn,
 Simon H. White,
 William Whiting,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Henry V. Woods,
 George C. Wright.

Yeas, 128 ; nays, 75.

Mr. Parker of Methuen moved to lay the orders of the day upon the table. The motion was carried, and Mr. Parker then moved that the rules be suspended, and that the bill authorizing the Governor to preserve the public peace and enforce the laws, take its several readings at the present time. The motion was lost.

The bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company was, on motion of Mr. Judd of Lee, discharged from the orders, and placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

The bill to establish a public carriage-way and crossing in Natick, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Lucas of Carver, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The bill to amend chapter 167 of the acts of 1871, relating to slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate bill in relation to mutual fire insurance companies, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, was indefinitely postponed.

The bill to authorize the construction of a new bridge and avenue across the Charles River, between Boston and Cambridge, was read, and amended on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, and, as amended, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Josiah Gilmore and others for change of boundary between Boston and Newton, was considered.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, the report and petition were referred to the next General Court.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inex-

pedient to legislate, on the order as to the expediency of legislating in regard to the power-of-sale mortgages on real estate, was considered and accepted.

The report of the committee on Harbors, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of H. W. Wilson and others, for such legislation as will enable abutters on South Bay to improve their property and enable the city of Boston to lay out streets thereon, was considered.

On motion of Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, the report was amended by striking out the recital of the same, and inserting "to whom was recommitted the bill to improve the navigation of the South Bay."

The House refused to accept the report. Pending the question of ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Wilson moved to amend by substituting a bill relative to the improvement of flats in the South Bay, which was carried.

Under the 60th rule, the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for further consideration on its second reading.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 22, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Moors of Greenfield.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To confirm the organization of the American Whip Company ;

In relation to the partition of lands ; and

Relating to the apportionment of the expense of maintaining ferries ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Joseph Simpson.

Mr. Hall of Upton asked leave to introduce a resolve in favor of Joseph Simpson. Refused.

Reports of Committees.

Superior court.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the House bill concerning

terms of the superior court, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill to amend chapter 25 of the General Statutes relative to fence-viewers, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the questions being on the rejection of the bills.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill in relation to nuisances, reported that it ought to pass.

Mr. Sawtelle of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to establish district courts in Plymouth County, reported that it ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve for the payment of certain constructions and repairs on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, reported it in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to provide for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of James Kelley, George Hayes, Daniel O'Grady and Thomas Plunkett, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

These reports were severally accepted, the committee was discharged, and the bill and resolve were placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

The resolve providing for the expense of securing a better ventilation of the representatives' chamber, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the Shawmut Boat Club to construct and maintain a boat-house, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Senate resolve (on leave) in favor of Eugene Glass was rejected, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on Claims.

The bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company was read and considered.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, it was voted to close the debate at 12.45 o'clock, unless the House was sooner ready to vote.

At that time, on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of ordering the bill to a third reading.

The roll was called, and the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 103 yeas to 80 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
William A. Adams,
Charles Alden,
Andrew Athy,
Patrick Barry,
William G. Bassett,
John H. Bell,
John Bigelow,
Samuel P. Billings,
Richard D. Blinn,
Enos W. Boise,
Dennis Bonner,
James N. Buffum,
Aaron O. Buxton,
Damon E. Cheney,
Francis E. Clark,
Alfred A. Clatur,
Patrick Collins,
Austin H. Connell,
L. J. Cole,
George G. Crocker,
John Cushing,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Curtis Davis,
Henry C. Davis,
John Davol, Jr.,
I. W. Derby,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
John B. Fairbanks,
John H. Fisher,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
Thomas Gates,
Asahel Gates,
Wm. B. Gibson,

Messrs. Andrew J. Gove,
Brownell Granger,
Gayton M. Hall,
Solomon E. Hallett,
Joshua P. Haskell,
John B. Hill,
James E. Hill,
Geo. Hodges,
N. E. Hollis,
T. M. House,
David P. Howes,
Andrew Howes,
Edward G. Hull,
John B. Hull,
James D. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Jonathan Johnson,
George W. Jones,
Edward J. Jones,
Thomas M. Judd,
Jesse E. Keith,
George P. Kingsley,
Lucius W. Knight,
William S. Knox,
Willard Lewis,
Lewis Lombard,
Edward P. Loring,
Samuel Loring,
Henry B. Lovering,
Horatio A. Lucas,
Albert Mason,
James L. Merritt,
Albert Montague,
John B. Moore,

Messrs. John F. Moors,
Joseph B. Morss,
William H. Murray,
Reuben Noble,
Porter Nutting,
Richard Olney,
Lysander J. Orcutt,
Albert Palmer,
Henry W. Phelps,
Edward B. Rankin,
Lawrence Reade,
John W. Rice,
Joshua C. Robinson,
George D. Robinson,
Charles Robinson, Jr.,
John Savery,
L. H. Sawin,

Messrs. E. H. Seymour,
George A. Shaw,
John Shaw,
Henry P. Shattuck,
William L. Slade,
Albert Smith,
Moses Smith,
Rufus Smith,
Sumner Southworth,
Ezra Stearns,
Daniel H. Thurston,
Michael F. Wells,
T. W. Wellington,
James B. Williams,
Robert R. Wiley,
Samuel Winslow.

NAYS.

Messrs. John Q. Adams,
Emory Banister,
George Barthomesz,
Robert R. Bishop,
Sanford W. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
John C. Blood,
William E. Blunt,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,
Alonzo A. Carr,
James H. Carleton,
Cyrus W. Chapman,
Charles R. Codman,
Henry J. Couch,
John Cummings,
Thomas S. Cushman,
Edward Dickinson,
Edward Eaton,
Augustus B. Endicott,
James E. Estabrook,
George O. Fairbanks,
Joseph E. Fiske,
John E. Fitzgerald,
William Frost,
George S. Gates,
Ziba Gay,
Addison Gilbert,
John J. Giles,
Elbridge H. Goss,
Charles Hale,
Nahum B. Hall,

Messrs. Horace Haskins,
Benj. F. Hayes,
Joseph W. Hill,
Benj. Howard,
Francis M. Hughes,
Edward J. Johnson,
Erastus Jones,
Elbridge G. Kelley,
Charles H. Killam,
Moses Kimball,
Daniel J. Lewis,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Joseph C. Little,
John T. Manny,
Lyman Mason,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
Andrew M. Morton,
Avery W. Nelson,
Charles S. Osgood,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
James O. Parker,
William E. Perkins,
Smith R. Phillips,
Willard P. Phillips,
Richard Pope,
Francis E. Porter,
Henry L. Pratt,
John A. G. Richardson,
J. A. Rich,
Philip H. Robinson,

Messrs. Nathaniel J. Rust,
Cyrus Savage,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Charles L. Shaw,
Joshua B. Smith,
Abraham H. Smith,
George D. Smalley,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Richard H. Stearns,

Messrs. George W. Taft,
James G. Tarr,
Artemas S. Tyler,
Leonard Washburn,
Simon H. White,
William Whiting,
Moses Williams, Jr.,
Henry W. Wright,
George C. Wright.

Yeas, 108 ; nays, 80.

The House then took its usual recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Report of a Committee.

Natina S. Gil-
ley.

Mr. Smalley of Harwich, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the Senate resolve in favor of Natina S. Gilley, reported that the same ought to pass. Referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The report of the committee on Towns, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the selectmen of Revere, for the annexation of that town to Boston, was considered.

Pending the question of amending the report, on motion of Mr. Jones of Boston, by substituting a bill printed in House Doc., No. 401, on motion of Mr. Olney of Boston, the report was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Olney of Boston, the orders of the day were laid on the table, and the bill to enable the Governor of the Commonwealth to preserve the public peace and enforce the laws, was discharged from the orders and considered.

Sundry amendments, moved by Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, were rejected.

After debate, the previous question having been ordered, the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The orders of the day having been taken from the table,
The bill relating to the acquisition of rights of way and other easements in lands by adverse use or prescription, was read and considered.

Amendments were moved by Messrs. Tyler of North Brookfield and Robinson of Newton, pending which, on motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill to authorize the commissioners for the county of Franklin to lay out and construct a highway and bridge over Connecticut River, between the towns of Gill and Montague, in said county, was amended, on motion of Mr. Eldridge of Conway, and, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The consideration of the bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Middlesex to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Malden River, in the town of Everett, was, on motion of Mr. Lucas of Carver, postponed until Tuesday next.

The bill to incorporate the Flax Pond Water Company was read.

Mr. Johnson of Nahant offered amendments, pending which, the House

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 23, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Moors of Greenfield.

An engrossed bill to change a portion of the harbor line in Gloucester Harbor (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Jones of Boston, a bill to establish a state detective force. State detectives.

By Mr. Olney of Boston, a bill to provide for the custody of certain intoxicating liquors. Liquors.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hall of Upton moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday refused leave to introduce a resolve in favor of Joseph Simpson. The motion was carried, leave was granted, and the resolve was referred to the committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence. Joseph Simpson.

*Papers from the Senate.***White's Ferry
Bridge Co.**

A bill to incorporate the White's Ferry Bridge Corporation, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

**Railroad
employés.**

The House bill in relation to the uniform of certain employés of railroad corporations, came down with a Senate amendment, in which the House concurred.

**Martha's Vine-
yard R. R.**

A bill relating to the Martha's Vineyard Railroad Company, introduced on leave in the Senate under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read.

After debate, the House non-concurred in the suspension of the rule.

*Taken from the Table.***Administrators.**

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the bill concerning practice in probate courts, and to relieve parties affected by unauthorized acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

*Reports of Committees.***Descent of
property.**

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the bill to amend the General Statutes relating to the descent and distribution of real and personal property, with instructions to consider the expediency of incorporating in its provisions the first section of the bill relative to the rights of husbands and wives (as originally reported), recommended that the bill be referred to the next General Court. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Easements.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the bill relating to the acquisition of rights of way and other easements in lands by adverse use or prescription, and certain amendments proposed thereto, reported that the bill ought not to pass. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being on its rejection.

District courts.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the same committee, to whom were referred the Senate amendments to the House bill in addition to an act relating to district courts, reported that the House should not concur in the same, but ask for a committee of conference on the differences between the

two branches on the subject. The report was accepted, and Messrs. Adams of Quincy, Olney of Boston, and Mason of Plymouth, were appointed on the part of the House.

Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, to whom was recommitted the resolve relative to the claims of Charles Burleigh, reported it in a new draft. Read, rule suspended requiring its reference to the committee on Finance, and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The motion of Mr. Wilson of Boston to reconsider the vote whereby the House rejected the resolve concerning the width of rims of wheels, was carried. The resolve was amended, on motion of Mr. Clark of Boston, and, as amended, ordered to a third reading.

Resolves :

For the payment of certain constructions and repairs on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad ;

In favor of James Kelley, George Hayes, Daniel O'Grady and Thomas Plunkett ; and a

Bill to establish district courts in Plymouth County ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning terms of the superior court, was rejected, in accordance with the report of the committee on the Judiciary.

The resolve concerning the education of children employed in manufacturing establishments, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the commissioners for the county of Franklin to lay out and construct a highway and bridge over Connecticut River, between the towns of Gill and Montague, in said county ; and

Relating to Parker Street, known as Cross Dam, in the city of Boston ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Flax Pond Water Company, was further considered.

Pending its consideration, the House

Adjourned.

MONDAY, May 25, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of Brockton.

*Papers from the Senate.*Swine-
slaughtering.

The House bill concerning swine-slaughtering associations came down, with an amendment by the Senate, in which the House concurred.

Bills :

District court of
E. Worcester.

To establish the second district court of eastern Worcester ;

Naturalization.

In relation to naturalization ; and

Salem
Children's
Friend Society.

To amend an act to incorporate the Salem Children's Friend Society ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reservoirs.

The petition of Alvah Crocker and others, in aid of the petition of the selectmen of Cheshire, for the better security of reservoir-dams, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Taxes.

The House bill to secure a more equal apportionment of the state and county taxes upon the several cities and towns, came down with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reports of Committees.

Bail.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate amendment to the bill concerning bail in criminal cases, reported that the House ought to concur in the same. The report was accepted and the amendment concurred in.

Subsequently, Mr. Jones of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote, which was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Liquors.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to provide for the custody of certain intoxicating liquors, reported that the same ought to pass. Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, a member of the committee, dissented from the report.

The bill was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Carleton of Haverhill, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, who were instructed by an order of the House to inquire what legislation is necessary in regard to the state reform school at Westborough, reported a resolve providing for enlarged accommodations and classification of the inmates of the state reform school at Westborough.

Referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon, the report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of amending chapter 298, acts of 1871, so as to provide that towns may allow taxes, assessed for making and repairing highways, to be paid in labor and materials, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the bill to amend "an act to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances and the preservation of the public health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville," was discharged from the orders of the day and indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House refused to concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 20th joint rule to admit a bill relating to the Martha's Vineyard Railroad Company.

The motion prevailed, and the House concurred in the suspension of the rule by a vote of 109 to 26.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the bill was referred to the committee on Railways, with power to report an amendment to the general railroad law, if deemed expedient.

Sent up for concurrence.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To enable the Governor of the Commonwealth to preserve the public peace and enforce the laws ;

To change the boundary line between Boston and Newton ;

To authorize John Beattie, Jr., to construct a wharf in Westport ;

In addition to an act to establish the first district court of northern Middlesex ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

In relation to the employment of children at public exhibitions;

To amend the laws relating to repairs of public ways and bridges; and

Relating to the filing of petitions for the assessment of damages and for the abatement of assessments;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches on the bill relating to taking depositions to perpetuate testimony, recommending its passage in the form of the bill printed in Senate Doc., No. 271, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Flax Pond Water Company was further considered, and ordered to a third reading without amendment.

Bills :

To annex a part of the town of Tewksbury to the city of Lowell;

In relation to nuisances; and

To provide for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill to amend chapter 25 of the General Statutes relative to fence-viewers, was rejected, in accordance with the report of the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill to incorporate the trustees of the Anderson School of Natural History, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, and as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolves :

For the payment for certain constructions and repairs on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad; and

Providing for the expense of securing a better ventilation of the representatives' chamber;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to unite the city of Chelsea with the city of Boston, was read, and amended on motion of Mr. Adams

of Quincy. Mr. Hale of Boston moved certain amendments, and also moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed. Mr. Perkins of Boston moved that it be referred to the next General Court.

Pending the consideration of the bill, the House
Adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 26, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Moors of Greenfield.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to amend an act to incorporate the Salem Children's Friend Society, reported that the same ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, on the petition of the mayor of New Bedford, reported a bill to amend the charter of the city of New Bedford. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the joint special committee to consider at what time the legislative session may close, reported, recommending that the House begin its morning sessions at 10 o'clock, and that each session be considered a legislative day. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

In accordance with the recommendation of the committee :—

Ordered, That hereafter each session be considered as a legislative day.

Also,

Ordered, That hereafter the morning sessions be held at 10 o'clock each day.

Papers from the Senate.

The report of the committee on Railways, leave to withdraw on the petition of Thomas C. Caldwell and others, for a repeal of section 2, chapter 127 of the acts of 1869, relating to a union depot in Fitchburg and sundry remonstrances thereto, was read and accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

Boston, Barre
and Gardner
R. R.
Worcester and
Nashua R. R.
Woman's Bap-
tist Society.

Concerning the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation, and the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company ; and

To incorporate the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society ;
Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

Railroad
branches.

The House bill to authorize and regulate the building of branches and extensions by railroad corporations came down with amendments. On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the bill and amendments were laid on the table.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To establish district courts in the county of Bristol ;
(Which originated in the Senate ;)

In addition to an act for the protection of fisheries in the head-waters of Buzzard's Bay ;

To authorize the New England Female Medical College and the trustees of Boston University to unite ; and

In addition to an act to establish the city of Newton ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Tewksbury and
Lowell.

On motion of Mr. Hayes of Medford, the bill to annex a portion of the town of Tewksbury to the city of Lowell, was discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

Mystic water.

Mr. Shaw of Boston presented the petition of the mayor of Boston for an act authorizing the city of Boston to build such reservoirs, and take such other means as may be necessary to secure to the Mystic Water Works the total available rainfall of the Mystic water-shed.

Referred, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The bill to incorporate the White's Ferry Bridge Corporation, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to unite the city of Chelsea with the city of Boston, was further considered. The amendments moved by Mr. Hale of Boston were rejected. Motions to indefinitely postpone, and to refer to the next General Court, were cut off by the ordering of the previous question, and

the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Jones of Boston to reconsider the vote whereby the House concurred in the Senate amendment to the bill relating to bail in criminal cases, was carried.

The Senate amendment was then concurred in, with an amendment moved by Mr. Jones of Boston, and sent up for concurrence.

The House took the usual recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Orders of the Day.

The bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company, was read and considered. Orders of the day.

On the question of passing the bill to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Parker of Methuen.

The roll was called, and the bill was passed to be engrossed by a vote of 87 yeas to 80 nays, and sent up for concurrence. The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
William A. Adams,
Charles Alden,
Andrew Athy,
Joseph E. Bailey,
William G. Bassett,
John H. Bell,
John Bigelow,
Samuel P. Billings,
Richard D. Blinn,
Enos W. Boise,
Dennis Bonner,
Samuel H. Boutwell,
S. W. Brayton,
Damon E. Cheney,
Alfred A. Clatur,
Patrick Collins,
L. J. Cole,
Jeremiah W. Coveney,
John Cushing,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Timothy J. Dacey,

Messrs. Curtis Davis,
Henry C. Davis,
I. W. Derby,
Jarvis N. Dunham,
Joseph M. Eaton,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
John B. Fairbanks,
John H. Fisher,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
Thomas Gates,
Asahel Gates,
William B. Gibson,
Brownell Granger,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Benj. Heath,
John B. Hill,
N. E. Hollis,
David P. Howes,
Andrew Howes,
John B. Hull,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Jonathan Johnson,

Messrs. George W. Jones,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Thomas M. Judd,
 Jesse E. Keith,
 Charles H. Killam,
 George P. Kingsley,
 William S. Knox,
 Lewis Lombard,
 Charles A. Loud,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 Julius M. Lyon,
 Albert Mason,
 John J. McNutt,
 John B. Moore,
 William H. Murray,
 W. Stanley Newhall,
 Reuben Noble,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Porter Nutting,
 Richard Olney,
 Lysander J. Orcutt,

Messrs. Albert Palmer,
 Henry W. Phelps,
 D. Franklin Reed,
 John W. Rice,
 George D. Robinson,
 L. H. Sawin,
 Nathaniel Seaver,
 E. H. Seymour,
 George A. Shaw,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 William L. Slade,
 Moses Smith,
 Rufus Smith,
 Sumner Southworth,
 Daniel J. Sweeney,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Michael F. Wells,
 Timothy W. Wellington,
 James B. Williams,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Samuel Winslow.

NAYS.

Messrs. John Q. Adams,
 Emory Banister,
 Robert R. Bishop,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 Stephen F. Blaney,
 John C. Blood,
 William E. Blunt,
 Reuben Boynton,
 Richard Britton,
 William B. Brown,
 Stillman Butterworth,
 James H. Carleton,
 Charles R. Codman,
 Henry J. Couch,
 John A. Cummings,
 Ben. C. Currier,
 Thomas S. Cushman,
 Edward Dickinson,
 James E. Estabrook,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 Eustace C. Fitz,
 George S. Gates,
 Ziba Gay,
 Addison Gilbert,

Messrs. John J. Giles,
 Samuel S. Ginnodo,
 Elbridge H. Goss,
 F. E. Gray,
 Charles Hale,
 Nahum B. Hall,
 John F. Haskins,
 Allen Higginbottom,
 Benj. Howard,
 Francis M. Hughes,
 James D. Hurlbut,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Edward J. Johnson,
 Erastus Jones,
 Moses Kimball,
 Henry D. Lay,
 Daniel J. Lewis,
 Willard Lewis,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Edward P. Loring,
 Aaron Low,
 John T. Manny,
 Lyman Mason,
 Horace H. Mayhew,
 David Mayhew,
 Andrew M. Morton,

Messrs. Charles S. Osgood,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
James O. Parker,
William E. Perkins,
Willard P. Phillips,
Francis E. Porter,
Henry L. Pratt,
J. A. G. Richardson,
J. A. Rich,
Nathaniel J. Rust,
George J. Sanger,
Cyrus Savage,
John Savery,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,

Messrs. Charles L. Shaw,
Warren Sibley,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Joshua B. Smith,
Abraham H. Smith,
Richard H. Stearns,
Isaac Stebbins,
John H. Studley,
Artemas S. Tyler,
Cyrus M. Wheaton,
William Whiting,
Moses Williams, Jr.,
Henry W. Wright,
George C. Wright.

Yeas, 87 ; nays, 80.

Subsequently, Mr. Codman of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed, which motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Middlesex to lay out a highway and construct a bridge across Malden River, in the town of Everett, was read and considered. Mr. Lucas of Carver moved an amendment.

Pending the consideration of the bill, the House Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 27, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of Brockton.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Ju- Naturalization.
diciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill in relation to naturalization, reported that the same ought not to pass. Messrs. Adams of Quincy, Olney of Boston and Fitzgerald of Boston, a minority of the committee, dissented from the report.

Placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon, the question being on its rejection.

District court of
E. Worcester.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to establish the second district court of eastern Worcester, reported that the bill ought to pass with amendments. The bill was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

N. S. Gilley.

Mr. Loud of Winchendon, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Natina S. Gilley, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon for a second reading.

Formation of
railroads.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the bill relating to the Martha's Vineyard Railroad Company, with power to report an amendment to the general railroad law if they deem it expedient, reported a bill in addition to an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations.

Appropriation
bill.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on an order authorizing the committee to report appropriation bills from time to time as they may deem necessary, reported a bill making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for a second reading this afternoon.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

Relating to Parker Street, known as the Cross Dam, in the city of Boston ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

To amend the laws relative to school registers and returns ;

To amend chapter 262 of the acts of 1872, entitled an act concerning the crossing of railroads by highways and townways ;

Concerning the First Christian Church and Society in Lynn, and the Mutual Sewing Society connected therewith ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves :

Relating to the construction and maintenance of a bridge over a townway in the town of Adams ;

In favor of the town of New Marlborough ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company, was lost by a *viva voce* vote of 45 to 59. Orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Codman, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, the motion to reconsider was lost by a vote of 57 to 71.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. John Q. Adams,
Emory Banister,
Robert R. Bishop,
Stephen F. Blaney,
William E. Blunt,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,
Richard Britton,
Alonzo A. Carr,
Charles R. Codman,
Benjamin C. Currier,
Thomas S. Cushman,
Edward Dickinson,
James E. Estabrook,
George O. Fairbanks,
C. C. Field,
Joseph E. Fiske,
Eustace C. Fitz,
George S. Gates,
Ziba Gay,
Sam'l S. Ginnodo,
Charles Hale,
Nahum B. Hall,
Horace Haskins,
Benj. Howard,
James D. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Edward J. Johnson,
Moses Kimball,
Daniel J. Lewis,

Messrs. Willard Lewis,
Edward P. Loring,
John T. Manny,
Lyman Mason,
David Mayhew,
Charles S. Osgood,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
James O. Parker,
William E. Perkins,
Willard P. Phillips,
Henry L. Pratt,
J. A. G. Richardson,
Nathaniel J. Rust,
Cyrus Savage,
John Savery,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Abraham H. Smith,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Isaac Stebbins,
George W. Taft,
James G. Tarr,
Leonard Washburn,
Cyrus M. Wheaton,
William Whiting,
Moses Williams, Jr.,
Henry W. Wilson,
Henry W. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Charles Alden,
Andrew Athy,

Messrs. Joseph E. Bailey,
William G. Bassett,

Messrs. John Bigelow,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 Samuel P. Billings,
 Richard D. Blinn,
 Enos W. Boise.
 S. W. Brayton,
 Francis E. Clark,
 Patrick Collins,
 Henry C. Davis,
 I. W. Derby,
 Jarvis N. Dunham,
 Joseph M. Eaton,
 Lucian F. Eldridge,
 John B. Fairbanks,
 John H. Fisher,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 Thomas Gates,
 Asahel Gates,
 Wm. B. Gibson,
 Abraham W. Harris,
 Benj. Heath,
 T. M. House,
 David P. Howes,
 Andrew Howes,
 John B. Hull,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 George W. Jones,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Thomas M. Judd,
 Charles H. Killam,
 George P. Kingsley,
 Lucius W. Knight,
 Samuel O. Lamb,

Messrs. Charles A. Loud,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 Julius M. Lyon,
 Albert Mason,
 James L. Merritt,
 Albert Montague,
 John B. Moore,
 John F. Moors,
 Joseph B. Morss,
 William H. Murray,
 W. Stanley Newhall,
 Reuben Noble,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Porter Nutting,
 Richard Olney,
 Lysander J. Orcutt,
 Henry W. Phelps,
 John W. Rice,
 George D. Robinson,
 William R. Roundy,
 Nathaniel Seaver,
 E. H. Seymour,
 George A. Shaw,
 John Shaw,
 Moses Smith,
 Rufus Smith,
 Sumner Southworth,
 Daniel J. Sweeney,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Michael F. Wells,
 T. W. Wellington,
 Samuel Winslow.

Yeas, 57 ; nays, 71.

Bills :

Concerning the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation and the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company ; and

To amend an act to incorporate the Salem Children's Friend Society ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Concerning the militia ;

To incorporate the White's Ferry Bridge Corporation ;
 and

In relation to nuisances ; and a

Resolve concerning the width of rims of wheels ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Middlesex to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Malden River, in the town of Everett, was further considered.

Amendments moved by Mr. Lucas of Carver, and Mr. Kimball of Boston, were adopted, and the bill, as amended, was rejected.

The bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of Winthrop, was read and considered. An amendment moved by Mr. Adams of Quincy, striking out sections three and four, was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The consideration of the resolve in favor of Elihu S. Hawkes, was, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, postponed until to-morrow.

The bill relative to the improvement of flats in the South Bay, was further considered, amended on motion of Mr. Fitz of Chelsea, and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend an act to authorize the town of Lexington to raise money for a centennial celebration, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The consideration of the report of the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the bill to amend the General Statutes, relative to the descent and distribution of real and personal property, was, on motion of Mr. Olney of Boston, postponed until to-morrow.

The bill relating to the acquisition of rights of way and other easements in lands by adverse use or prescription, was rejected in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on the Judiciary.

The resolve in favor of James Kelley, George Hayes, Daniel O'Grady and Thomas Plunkett, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, laid on the table.

The bill to establish district courts in Plymouth County, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Savery of Wareham, referred to the committee on the Judiciary, pending amendments proposed by him and by Mr. Keith of Abington.

The bill concerning practice in probate courts, and to relieve parties affected by unauthorized acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees, was read and considered. Pending the consideration of an amendment moved by Mr. Olney of Boston, the orders of the day were laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, who also moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House, yesterday, passed to be engrossed the bill to unite the city of Chelsea with the city of Boston.

The motion to reconsider was, on motion of the same gentleman, laid on the table.

The House then took the usual recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Petition Presented.

Boston Fire
Department—
Charitable As-
sociation.

Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield presented the petition of the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department for amendment of its charter.

Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule. Sent up for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Boston Safe
Deposit Co.

Mr. Cummings of Woburn, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of the Boston Safe Deposit Company, reported a bill to amend an act to incorporate said company.

Read and ordered to a second reading.

District courts
for Plymouth
County.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to establish district courts in Plymouth County, reported that the same ought to pass, with the amendments pending at the time of the reference.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy, the rule was suspended, and the bill considered. The amendments moved by Messrs. Savery of Wareham, and Keith of Abington, were adopted, as recommended by the committee, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

Cemetery lots.

A bill to amend chapter twenty-eight, section third of the General Statutes, relating to cemetery lots, passed to

be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways may hold meetings during the sessions of the legislature. Railway Committee.

Sent up for concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the bill to unite the city of Chelsea to the city of Boston, was, on motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence, taken from the table, considered and rejected. Boston and Chelsea.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of amending chapter 298, acts of 1871, so as to provide that towns may allow taxes, assessed for making and repairing highways, to be paid in labor and materials, was, on motion of Mr. Lucas of Carver, discharged from the orders of the day. On motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford, its further consideration was postponed until Tuesday next. Highway taxes.

Mr. Sprague of Framingham moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House rejected the bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Middlesex to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Malden River in the town of Everett. The motion was rejected. Malden River.

The report of the committee on Towns, reference to the next General Court on petition of the selectmen of Revere, for the annexation of that town to Boston, was, on motion of Mr. Jones of Boston, taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Revere.

The resolve in favor of James Kelley, George Hayes, Daniel O'Grady and Thomas Plunkett, was, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, taken from the table. The resolve was amended on motion of Mr. Cummings of Somerville, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence. James Kelley et al.

The bill to authorize and regulate the building of branches and extensions by railroad corporations, was, on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, taken from the table, and the House non-concurred in the Senate amendments thereto, and asked for a committee of conference. Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Hale of Boston and Williams of Brookline were appointed on the part of the House. Railroad branches.

Bills passed.**Engrossed bills :**

In relation to taking depositions to perpetuate testimony ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

To provide for the improvement of Boston Harbor at Junction Shoal ; and

In relation to the uniform of certain employés of railroad corporations ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.***Orders of the day.**

The bill to amend the charter of the city of New Bedford, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend an act to incorporate the Salem Children's Friend Society, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill concerning practice in probate courts, and to relieve parties affected by unauthorized acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees, was further considered. Amendments were moved by Messrs Robinson of Newton and Williams of Brookline.

Pending the consideration of the bill, the House Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 28, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. House of Brockton.

*Papers from the Senate.***Trustees.**

A bill concerning the resignation of trustees, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

C. D. Russell.

A resolve in favor of Catherine D. Russell, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

**Lancaster—
selectmen.**

The report of the committee on Railways, leave to withdraw on the petition of the selectmen of Lancaster for the amendment of chapter 262, of the acts of 1872, accepted

by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Land damages. Judiciary, on an order relative to assessment of damages by a jury for lands taken for highways, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate. Read and placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the State detectives. Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to establish a State Detective Force, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and recommending that the bill should be amended by striking out the 9th section, the provisions of that section being in another bill now before the House.

The committee was discharged, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the bill in addition Formation of railroads. to an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations was discharged from the orders of the day, and under a suspension of the rules took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

To incorporate the Flax Pond Water Company ; and
Concerning the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation and the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill concerning practice in probate courts, and to relieve parties affected by unauthorized acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees, was further considered.

The amendment moved by Mr. Olney of Boston, to strike out the first section, was adopted. On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the bill, with pending amendments, was recommitted to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

The resolve in favor of Elihu S. Hawkes, was amended, on motion of Mr. Granger of Boston. On motion of Mr.

Orders of the day.

House of Brockton, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of passing the bill to be engrossed. The roll was called, and the bill was passed to be engrossed by a vote of 85 yeas to 55 nays, and sent up for concurrence.

• The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. John Q. Adams,
Charles Alden,
Andrew Athy,
Emory Banister,
George Bartholmesz,
William G. Bassett,
John Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
Richard D. Blinn,
John C. Blood,
Enos W. Boise,
Frederick L. Bosworth,
Samuel H. Boutwell,
Damon E. Cheney,
Charles R. Codman,
L. J. Cole,
John A. Cummings,
Francis C. Curtis,
John Cushing,
Thomas S. Cushman,
Curtis Davis,
Edward Dickinson,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
James E. Estabrook,
John H. Fisher,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Eustace C. Fitz,
John W. Fletcher,
Thomas Gates,
Wm. B. Gibson,
Addison Gilbert,
John J. Giles,
Brownell Granger,
Charles Hale,
Gayton M. Hall,
Solomon E. Hallett,
Abraham W. Harris,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Benj. Heath,
John B. Hill,
James E. Hill,
Andrew Howes,
Richardson Hutchinson,

Messrs. Edward J. Johnson,
George P. Kingsley,
Samuel O. Lamb,
Willard Lewis,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Henry B. Lovering,
Aaron Low,
Horatio A. Lucas,
Julius M. Lyon,
John T. Manny,
Albert Mason,
Horace H. Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
James L. Merritt,
W. Stanley Newhall,
Edward O. Noyes,
Porter Nutting,
Richard Olney,
Albert Palmer,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
James O. Parker,
William E. Perkins,
Francis E. Porter,
John W. Rice,
J. A. Rich,
Charles Robinson, Jr.,
Cyrus Savage,
E. H. Seymour,
John Shaw,
Henry Shortle,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Joshua B. Smith,
Albert Smith,
Moses Smith,
Sumner Southworth,
Daniel H. Thurston,
Artemus S. Tyler,
Timothy W. Wellington,
Henry W. Wilson,
Samuel Winslow,
Henry V. Woods,
George C. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
Joseph E. Bailey,
Samuel P. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
William E. Blunt,
Stillman Butterworth,
Alonzo A. Carr,
George G. Crocker,
John Cummings,
Ben. C. Currier,
Henry C. Davis,
Edward Eaton,
Joseph M. Eaton,
Augustus B. Endicott,
Joseph E. Fiske,
George S. Gates,
Asahel Gates,
Ziba Gay,
Sam'l S. Ginnodo,
F. E. Gray,
Horace Haskins,
Benj. F. Hayes,
Sam'l M. Haynes,
Allen Higginbottom,
Geo. Hodges,
T. M. House,
Benj. Howard,
Edward G. Hull,

Messrs. James D. Hurlbut,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Charles H. Killam,
Moses Kimball,
Daniel J. Lewis,
Joseph C. Little,
Charles A. Loud,
Edward P. Loring,
David Mayhew,
Albert Montague,
William H. Murray,
Charles S. Osgood,
George D. Robinson,
Nathaniel J. Rust,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Nathaniel Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
Charles L. Shaw,
William L. Slade,
Abraham H. Smith,
George D. Smalley,
Richard H. Stearns,
Ezra Stearns,
George W. Taft,
Leonard Washburn,
Moses Williams, Jr.,
James B. Williams.

Yeas, 85 ; nays, 55.

The resolve relative to the claims of Charles Burleigh, was, on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, indefinitely postponed.

The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the bill to secure a more equal apportionment of the state and county taxes upon the several cities and towns.

The bill to provide for the custody of certain intoxicating liquors, was read, and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to provide for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, was, on motion of Mr. Ginnodo of Attleborough, laid on the table.

The bill to incorporate the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to consider and report such amendments of the general laws as may seem expedient,

with reference to the rights of women as corporators under general laws.

The resolve in favor of Natina S. Gilley, was read, amended, as recommended by the committee on Finance, and ordered to a third reading.

The House took its usual recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Paper from the Senate.

Sunderland
Bridge.

The House bill relating to the Sunderland Bridge, came down, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, with an amendment, in which the House refused to concur.

Chas. Burleigh.

Mr. Fletcher of Chelsea moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House indefinitely postponed the resolve relative to the claims of Charles Burleigh.

The motion prevailed, and Mr. Adams of Quincy moved to amend the resolve by substituting a resolve in favor of Charles Burleigh.

Under rule 60 the resolve was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for further consideration, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Insurance Com-
missioner.

Part I. of the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioner of the Commonwealth, was received and referred to the committee on Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Lowell and
Tewksbury.

On motion of Mr. Hayes of Medford, the bill to annex a part of the town of Tewksbury to the city of Lowell, was taken from the table, amended, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Grade crossings.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline,—
Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider whether any legislation is necessary to provide for and regulate grade crossings of railroads by highways or town ways, grade crossings of highways or town ways by railroads, or grade crossings of railroads by other railroads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the Shawmut Boat Club to construct and maintain a boat-house ;

To incorporate the White's Ferry Bridge Corporation ;

In relation to nuisances ;
 (Which severally originated in the Senate ;)
 To establish a harbor line on the South Channel of the
 Mystic River ;
 Relating to the laying out of foot-ways ;
 Concerning the election of town officers in New Salem ;
 To establish a public carriage-way and crossing in
 Natick ;
 Concerning swine-slaughtering associations ;
 (Which severally originated in the House of Represent-
 atives ;) .
 Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to
 the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on Railways, Edward Crane.
 reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Edward
 Crane et als., to be incorporated as the Boston and Albany
 Railroad Company. Read and placed in the orders of the
 day for to-morrow.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the same committee, on an Railroad cor-
 poration meet-
 ings.
 order authorizing the committee to consider the expediency
 of modifying the provisions of chapter 106, acts of 1868,
 reported a bill in relation to the place of holding the
 annual meetings of railroad corporations.

Mr. Wellington of Worcester, from the same committee, B., H. and Erie
 R. R.
 on the petition of Wm. T. Hart, reported a bill to dissolve
 the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the joint special com- Williamsburg.
 mittee appointed on the petition of the selectmen and
 others of the towns of Williamsburg and Northampton,
 reported a bill in favor of Williamsburg and Northampton.
 The bill was read, and, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Bos-
 ton, the rule requiring it to be referred to the committee
 on Finance, was suspended, and the bill was ordered to a
 second reading.

Mr. Lamb of Greenfield, from the committee on Just Taxation.
 and Equal Taxation, on the petition of the Boston Liberal
 League and numerous other petitions in aid of the same,
 the petition of Phineas E. Gay et als. ; also a bill for the
 taxation of religious and charitable corporations, reported
 a resolve authorizing the appointment of a commission to
 inquire into the expediency of revising and amending the

laws of the state relating to taxation, and the exemptions therefrom.

The resolve was read, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the rule requiring its reference to the committee on Finance, was suspended, and it was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Morss of Newburyport, and Mr. Whiting of Pembroke, dissented from the report, and each presented his views, in writing, which were ordered to be printed.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw on the petition of the selectmen of Lancaster, that the statutes of 1872, chapter 262, may be amended, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes, was read, amended, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, and, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The resolve in favor of Natina S. Gilley, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate bill in relation to naturalization, was considered. On motion of Mr. Parker of Methuen, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of rejecting the bill, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary. The roll was called, and the bill was rejected by a vote of 74 yeas to 61 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
George Bartholmesz,
John H. Bell,
John Bigelow,
Robert R. Bishop,
Sanford W. Billings,
S. W. Brayton,
Alonzo A. Carr,
Damon E. Cheney,
Francis E. Clark,
Alfred A. Clatur,
Charles R. Codman,
L. J. Cole,
George G. Crocker,
Ben. C. Currier,
Francis C. Curtis,

Messrs. Edward Dickinson,
Edward Eaton,
George O. Fairbanks,
Eustace C. Fitz,
John W. Fletcher,
Asahel Gates,
Addison Gilbert,
John J. Giles,
Elbridge H. Goss,
Solomon E. Hallett,
Horace Haskins,
Allen Higginbottom,
John B. Hill,
Benj. Howard,
Andrew Howes,
Richardson Hutchinson,

Messrs. Edward J. Johnson,
Jonathan Johnson,
Edward J. Jones,
Charles H. Killam,
Moses Kimball,
Henry D. Lay,
Daniel J. Lewis,
Willard Lewis,
Joseph C. Little,
Lewis Lombard,
Edward P. Loring,
Aaron Low,
Horatio A. Lucas,
Julius M. Lyon,
Albert Mason,
Horace H. Mayhew,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
John J. McNutt,
John F. Moors,
Porter Nutting,

Messrs. William C. Parker, Jr.,
William E. Perkins,
Francis E. Porter,
John W. Rice,
Philip H. Robinson,
George D. Robinson,
Charles Robinson, Jr.,
Nathaniel J. Rust,
Cyrus Savage,
John Savery,
L. H. Sawin,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
E. H. Seymour,
Henry Shortle,
William L. Slade,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Richard H. Stearns,
James G. Tarr,
Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Moses Williams, Jr.,
Samuel Winslow.

NAYS.

Messrs. John Q. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
Joseph E. Bailey,
Emory Banister,
William G. Bassett,
Samuel P. Billings,
John C. Blood,
William E. Blunt,
Dennis Bonner,
William B. Brown,
Stillman Butterworth,
James H. Carleton,
Austin H. Connell,
Henry J. Couch,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Curtis Davis,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
Augustus B. Endicott,
James E. Estabrook,
John H. Fisher,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
George S. Gates,
Thomas Gates,
Wm. B. Gibson,
Andrew J. Gove,

Messrs. Brownell Granger,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Benj. Heath,
James E. Hill,
Geo. Hodges,
Jesse E. Keith,
George P. Kingsley,
William S. Knox,
Samuel O. Lamb,
Henry B. Lovering,
Lyman Mason,
Joseph B. Morss,
Andrew M. Morton,
William H. Murray,
Reuben Noble,
Richard Olney,
Charles S. Osgood,
Albert Palmer,
James O. Parker,
Edward B. Rankin,
Lawrence Reade,
John A. G. Richardson,
William R. Roundy,
Nathaniel Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
Charles L. Shaw,
Joshua B. Smith,

Messrs. Albert Smith,
Ezra Stearns,
John H. Studley,
George W. Taft,

Messrs. Daniel H. Thurston,
James B. Williams,
Henry W. Wright.

Yeas, 74 ; nays, 61.

The House then
Adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 29, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Appleton Street
Congregational
Society.

The petition of the Appleton Street Congregational Society of Lowell for a change of name, came down referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Under the 20th joint rule, the petition was referred to the next General Court.

Mr. Richardson of Lowell moved a suspension of the rule, but it was refused.

Boston Boat
Club.

The House bill to authorize the Boston Boat Club to maintain a floating boat-house on the northerly side of West Boston Bridge came down with amendments, in which the House concurred.

Williamsburg
disaster.

A bill to authorize the payment of expenses of a coroner's inquest from the treasury of the county of Hampshire, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

District court of
E. Worcester.

Mr. Jenkins of Rockland, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to establish the district court of eastern Worcester, reported that the same ought to pass.

C. D. Russell.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate resolve in favor of Catherine D. Russell, reported that the same ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for Monday for a second reading.

School-houses.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the

Judiciary, on an order on the subject, reported a bill to amend chapter 38 of the General Statutes in relation to taking land for school purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Boston, ordered, that at the end of the morning session of to-day, the House stand adjourned to Monday next at 2 o'clock, P. M.

A motion of Mr. Parker of Methuen to reconsider the vote whereby the House rejected the Senate bill in relation to naturalization, was lost. Naturalization.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

In addition to an act authorizing the formation of railroad corporations ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To incorporate the Flax Pond Water Company ; and

To authorize the commissioners for the county of Franklin to lay out and construct a highway and bridge over Connecticut River between the towns of Gill and Montague in said county ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The bill to dissolve the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company was read and ordered to a third reading. Orders of the day.

Bills :

Making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ;

Relative to the improvement of flats in the South Bay (amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston) ; and

To amend the charter of the city of New Bedford (amended on motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to amend an act to incorporate the Boston Safe Deposit Company was, on motion of Mr. Olney of Boston, postponed until Monday.

The report of the committee on Towns, reference to the next General Court, on petition of the selectmen of Revere, for the annexation of that town to Boston, was considered. The motion of Mr. Jones of Boston to amend the report by substituting a bill to unite the town

of Revere to the city of Boston, was lost. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the bill to amend the General Statutes relative to the descent and distribution of real and personal property, was considered. On motion of Mr. Cole of Cheshire the bill was amended by substituting the bill printed in House Document, No. 432; and pending the question of referring to the next General Court, the House
Adjourned.

MONDAY, June 1, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Springfield and
Longmeadow
R. R.

The report of the committee on Railways, leave to withdraw on the petition of George E. Howard and others, concerning the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Stoughton.

A resolve in favor of the town of Stoughton, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Associations.

The House bill concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes, came down with certain amendments, which were referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Sales of real
estate.

Information was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House bill relating to sales of real estate by executors and administrators in certain cases.

Report of a Committee.

Newburyport.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of the city of Newburyport, reported a bill to authorize the city of Newburyport to subscribe for and hold stock in the Exeter and Salisbury Railway Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

Concerning the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad

Corporation and the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company ;

To amend an act to incorporate the Seamen's Children's Friend Society ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;) and

To secure a more equal apportionment of the state and county taxes upon the several cities and towns ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves
passed.

Concerning the width of rims of wheels ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

In relation to the compensation of the lieutenant-governor ; and

Concerning the education of children employed in manufacturing establishments ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

Orders of the
day.

In relation to the place of holding the annual meetings of railroad corporations ;

In aid of Williamsburg and Northampton ;

To amend chapter 38 of the General Statutes, in relation to taking land for school purposes ;

To establish the second district court of eastern Worcester ; and a

Resolve in favor of Catherine D. Russell ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To provide for the custody of certain intoxicating liquors ; and

To dissolve the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the bill to amend the General Statutes relative to the descent and distribution of real and personal property, was further considered. The

question of referring the bill as amended (House Doc., No. 432) to the next General Court was negatived by a vote of 42 to 43.

Mr. Hale of Boston raised the point of order that a quorum was not present. A count of the House was had, showing that 118 members were present, and that the point was not well taken.

Point of order.

The same gentleman then raised the point of order that a quorum not having voted, a second division of the House should be had, and called for such division.

The Chair ruled that a second division could not be claimed as of right. The Constitution provides (Art. 21 of Amendments) that "not less than 100 members of the House of Representatives shall constitute a quorum for doing business." This is to be understood as requiring the *attendance* or *presence*, when business is transacted, of at least 100 members. It is not necessary to the valid decision of a question that 100 members actually *vote*, if the requisite number are present. In point of fact, a majority of questions are decided with few or no *viva voce* responses, and without division or count. Rule 62 requires every member to vote, unless excluded by interest or excused. Any member may require the observance of the rule by other members while the voting is proceeding and before the vote is declared. But if a quorum of the House is ascertained to have been present when a vote was taken, the decision is valid, and a member cannot, as a right, after the declaration of the vote, call for a second division and count, simply because it appears that less than 100 members voted. It is to be presumed that the members not voting concur with the majority of those who do vote. If, upon division of the House, it appears that a quorum have not voted, a member may, as of right, require the fact to be determined whether a quorum is present, and that has already been done in the present case.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth then called for the enforcement of the 62d rule, requiring members to vote.

The Chair ruled that it was too late to call for the enforcement of the rule after the vote had been completed and declared.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the bill was then indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Bishop of Newton, the consideration of the bill to amend an act to incorporate the Boston Safe Deposit Company, was postponed till to-morrow, and

sundry amendments, moved by the same gentleman, were ordered to be printed.

On motion Mr. Olney of Boston, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of authorizing parties whose lands or estates have been taken for the laying out, widening or alteration of streets, to apply for a jury at any time within one year after their lands are actually entered upon, was amended by substituting therefor a bill in relation to damages sustained by the laying out or altering of highways and other ways. The bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy, the consideration of the bill to establish a State Detective Force, was postponed until Wednesday afternoon and placed in the orders for that day, and sundry amendments moved by Mr. Jones of Boston and Fiske of Needham, were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Lowell, the consideration of the report of the committee on Railways, leave to withdraw on the petition of Edward Crane et als., to be incorporated as the Boston and Albany Railway Trust Company, was postponed until to-morrow, and a bill moved by the same gentleman as a substitute for the report, was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Whiting of Pembroke, the consideration of the resolve authorizing the appointment of a commission to inquire into the expediency of revising and amending the laws of the State relating to taxation and the exemptions therefrom, was postponed until Thursday afternoon, June 4.

The resolve in favor of Charles Burleigh was amended, on motion of Messrs. Robinson of Chicopee and Hale of Boston, and, as amended, was rejected.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, June 2, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Lincoln of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the petition Hannah Duston.

of Robert B. Caverly and others asking for an appropriation of one thousand dollars towards the erection of a monument to Hannah Duston, reported leave to withdraw.

Boston and
Somerville.

Mr. Hayes of Medford, from the committee on Towns, on sundry petitions and remonstrances relating to the annexation of the city of Somerville to the city of Boston, reported reference to the next General Court.

Boston and
Medford.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported reference to the next General Court on the petition of the selectmen of Medford for the annexation of that town to Boston.

These reports were severally read, accepted under a suspension of the rule and sent up for concurrence.

Associations.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate amendment to the House bill concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes, reported that the House ought not to concur in the amendment.

Read and accepted under a suspension of the rule, and the amendment was non-concurred in.

Land damages.

Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to regulate the distribution of damages where there are separate interests in lands in cases of water-supply to cities and towns, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft.

Read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Agawam—
training-field.

A bill relating to the old public parade and training-field in the town of Agawam, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bail.

The House bill concerning bail in criminal cases, came down with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

On motion of Mr. Buxton of Boston, the House receded from its amendment.

Introduced on Leave.

Elections.

Mr. Hale of Boston asked leave to introduce a bill to consolidate into one act the several acts relating to elections passed since the General Statutes.

Leave was granted, and on motion of the same gentleman, the rule requiring the reference of the bill to a committee was suspended, and the bill was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

An engrossed bill to unite the city of Chelsea with the city of Boston (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

Mr. Cole of Cheshire moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House indefinitely postponed the bill to amend section one of chapter 91 of the General Statutes, relative to the descent and distribution of real and personal property. Descent of property.

The motion was carried. The question recurring on indefinite postponement that motion was lost, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

To amend an act to incorporate the Boston Safe Deposit Company (amended on motion of Mr. Bishop of Newton) ;

To authorize the city of Newburyport to subscribe for, and hold stock in, the Exeter and Salisbury Railway Company ; and

In relation to damages sustained by the laying out or altering of highways and other ways ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Railways, leave to withdraw on the petition of George E. Howard and others, concerning the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad, was accepted in concurrence.

The resolve in favor of Catherine D. Russell, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in relation to the place of holding the annual meetings of railroad corporations, was amended, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, inexpedient to legislate, on the order as to the expediency of amending chapter 298, acts of 1871, so as to provide that towns may allow taxes, assessed for making and repairing highways, to be paid in labor and materials, was considered. Mr. Jones of Deerfield moved to amend the report by substituting a bill relating to highway taxes.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, the further

Orders of the day.

consideration of the report was postponed till to-morrow, and the proposed substitute was ordered to be printed.

The report of the committee on Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Crane et als., to be incorporated as the Boston and Albany Railway Trust Company was considered. The motion of Mr. Johnson of Lowell to amend the report by substituting therefor a bill to incorporate the Boston and Albany Railway Trust Company, was lost, and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in aid of Williamsburg and Northampton, was considered. An amendment moved by Mr. Robinson of Chicopee was adopted. Other amendments were moved by Messrs. Robinson of Chicopee, Blaney of Peabody and Codman of Boston; pending the consideration of which the House took its usual recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Williamsburg
disaster.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the bill in aid of Williamsburg and Northampton was discharged from the orders of the day and further considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Robinson of Chicopee and Hurlbut of Bolton were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

Papers from the Senate.

First Congre-
gational Society
of Natick.

The petition of the First Congregational Society of Natick for leave to sell real estate, was referred in concurrence, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Anderson
School of
Natural His-
tory.

The bill to incorporate the trustees of the Anderson School of Natural History, came down with an endorsement that the Senate concurred in the first House amendment and non-concurred in the second.

The House insisted on its amendment.

Bridge over
Charles River.

The House bill to authorize the construction of a new bridge and avenue across the Charles River between Boston and Cambridge, came down with amendments adopted by the Senate, in which the House concurred.

District courts.

The report of the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches on the House bill relating to district courts, recommending that the Senate should recede from one of its amendments, and

that the House should concur in another, and that certain other amendments should be adopted, was read and accepted in concurrence.

The House bill relating to the Sunderland Bridge, came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendments and asked for a committee of conference, Messrs. Edson, Wardwell and Salmon being appointed on its part. Sunderland bridge.

The House agreed to the request, and Messrs. Montague of Sunderland, Billings of Hatfield and Lamb of Greenfield, were joined as members of the committee on the part of the House.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To annex a part of the town of Tewksbury to the city of Lowell ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;) and

To amend chapter 167 of the acts of 1871, relating to slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve in favor of John Mangen (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Senate resolve in favor of the town of Stoughton, reported that it ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow. Stoughton.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve providing for enlarged accommodations and classification of the inmates of the State Reform School at Westborough, reported that it should be referred to the next General Court. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the reference of the resolve as recommended. Reform School.

Mr. Moors of Greenfield, from the committee on Education, to whom was recommitted the bill to establish a quarter-mill school fund, reported, recommending that the bill be amended by substituting therefor a bill relating to the Massachusetts School Fund. The bill and report were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Quarter-mill school fund.

Probate courts.

Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was recommitted the bill concerning practice in probate courts, and to relieve parties affected by unauthorized acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees, reported it in a new draft.

Justice in Berkshire and other counties.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to promote a more speedy and convenient administration of justice in the counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden, and for other purposes, reported it in a new draft.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

To amend chapter 38 of the General Statutes, in relation to taking land for school purposes ;

To amend an act to incorporate the Boston Safe Deposit Company ;

To authorize the city of Newburyport to subscribe for and hold stock in the Exeter and Salisbury Railway Company ;

In relation to damages sustained by the laying out or altering of highways and other ways ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to establish the second district court of eastern Worcester, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in relation to the distribution of damages in cases of water supply to cities and towns, and for the laying out, alteration or discontinuance of ways where there are separate interests in lands, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend the General Statutes, relative to the descent and distribution of real and personal property, was read, and amended on motion of Mr. Cole of Cheshire.

Pending the question of passing the bill to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the bill was referred to the next General Court.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, June 3, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate amendment to the House bill relating to liens on buildings and land, reported that the House ought to concur in the amendment. The report was accepted, under a suspension of the rule, and the amendment was concurred in. Liens.

The same gentleman from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill to authorize the payment of expenses of a coroner's inquest from the treasury of the county of Hampshire, reported that the bill ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading this afternoon. Williamsburg disaster.

Introduced on Leave.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, a resolve concerning the shares in the capital stock of the New York and New England Railroad Company, owned by the Commonwealth, which was read and referred to the committee on Finance. N. Y. and N. E.
R. R.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

To promote the more speedy and convenient administration of justice in the counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden, and for other purposes ;

Concerning practice in probate courts, and to relieve parties affected by unauthorized acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees ; and a

Resolve in favor of the town of Stoughton ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill in aid of Williamsburg and Northampton was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of amending chapter 298, acts of 1871, so as to provide that towns may allow taxes, assessed for making and repairing highways, to be paid in labor and materials, was considered.

Orders of the day.

The bill moved by Mr. Jones of Deerfield as a substitute for the report (House Doc., No. 439), was amended on motion of Messrs. Hayes of Medford and Hurlbut of Bolton, and, as amended, was substituted for the report, and was placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon for a second reading.

The bill to establish a quarter-mill school fund for the support of schools, was considered. A bill relating to the Massachusetts School Fund was substituted for the same, as recommended by the committee on Education, and under rule 60 was placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon for further consideration, pending the question of its engrossment.

The resolve providing for enlarged accommodations and classification of the inmates of the State Reform School at Westborough, was referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Finance.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Insane.

For the custody and treatment of the convict and homicidal insane ;

Corporations—
stock.

To amend chapter 392 of the acts of 1871, relating to the increase of capital stock by corporations ; and

Blackstone Sav-
ings Bank.

To incorporate the Blackstone Savings Bank ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

Introduced on Leave.

Intestate
estates.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, a resolve for obtaining information with reference to the expediency of a change in the laws regulating the distribution of intestate estates.

On motion of the same gentleman, the rule requiring the resolve to be referred to a committee was suspended, and it was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg,—

Bills :

Ballots.

To amend an act concerning the preservation of ballots in towns ;

In relation to the preservation of check-lists in cities and towns ; Check-lists.

To repeal sections 8, 9 and 14 of chapter 8 of the General Statutes, relating to new elections in cities and towns ; Elections.

To consolidate into one act the several acts relating to elections passed since the General Statutes ;

Were severally taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

Concerning the militia ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

To authorize the Boston Boat Club to maintain a floating boat-house on Charles River ; and

To amend an act to authorize the town of Lexington to raise money for a centennial celebration ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves
passed.

In favor of Catharine D. Russell ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Relative to the erection of a dwelling-house for the superintendent of the state arsenal at South Framingham, and for grading and fencing the state camp ground ; and

In favor of the Massachusetts Agricultural College ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

Orders of the
day.

To promote the more speedy and convenient administration of justice in the counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden, and for other purposes ;

Concerning practice in probate courts, and to relieve parties affected by unauthorized acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees ; and

In relation to the distribution of damages in cases of water supply to cities and towns, and for the laying out, alteration or discontinuance of ways where there are separate interests in lands ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in favor of the town of Stoughton, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill relating to highway taxes was read and rejected.

The bill to authorize the payment of expenses of a coroner's inquest from the treasury of the county of Hampshire, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to establish a state detective force was read and considered. The bill was amended, on motion of Mr. Jones of Boston, and on motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence it was postponed for further consideration until Friday morning.

The bill relating to the Massachusetts School Fund, was read, amended on motion of Messrs. Kimball of Boston and Moors of Greenfield, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently Mr. Kimball of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was passed to be engrossed, which was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 4, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Voting lists.

Dower.

To protect the use of alphabetical lists of voters ; and
Concerning the right of dower ;
(Passed to be engrossed by the Senate ;)

Were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Barre Falls Reservoir Co.

A bill to incorporate the Barre Falls Reservoir Company, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, and sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Laid Over.

Hoosac Tunnel.

At the request of Mr. Hale of Boston, the request of Mr. Codman of Boston, for leave to introduce a bill "to provide for the organization of a line of railroad westwardly from Boston through the Hoosac Tunnel, in pursu-

ance of existing laws and contracts," was laid over until afternoon.

A motion of Mr. Billings of Hatfield, to reconsider the vote whereby the House rejected the bill relating to highway taxes, was lost.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

Relating to bail in criminal cases ;

To apportion and assess a state tax of two million dollars ;

To establish a district court in central Middlesex ; and

To establish the first district court of Plymouth ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the bill relating to the Massachusetts School Fund, was, on motion of Mr. Stearns of Boston, postponed until this afternoon.

Orders of the day.

House bills :

In relation to the preservation of check-lists in cities and towns ;

To repeal sections 8, 9 and 14 of chapter 8 of the General Statutes, relating to new elections in cities and towns ; and

To amend an act concerning the preservation of ballots in towns ;

Were severally read and rejected, the last in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on the Judiciary.

A resolve for obtaining information with reference to the expediency of a change in the laws regulating the distribution of intestate estates (amended on motion of Mr. Lamb of Greenfield) ; and

Bills :

To amend chapter 392 of the acts of the year 1871, relating to the increase of capital stock by corporations ;

To incorporate the Blackstone Savings Bank ;

For the custody and treatment of the convict and homicidal insane ; and

To amend the charter of the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the payment of expenses of a coroner's inquest from the treasury of the county of Hampshire, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to consolidate into one act the several acts relating to elections passed since the General Statutes, was read, amended on motion of Messrs. Hale of Boston and Sleeper of Malden, and ordered to a third reading, as amended.

At 12 o'clock, the House adjourned until 2, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reports of Committees.

Insurance.

Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioner (Part I.), reported that no special legislation is called for, and asked to be discharged from further consideration of the same. The report was accepted under a suspension of the rule.

Salaries of registers of probate, etc.

Mr. Davis of Ware, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Senate bill to establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampshire, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft.

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The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Franklin, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft.

Severally read and referred to the committee on Finance, under the rule.

Nashua, Acton and Boston R.R.

Mr. Johnson of Lowell, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of John C. Moulton and others, reported a bill to authorize the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad Company to mortgage its railroad, and for other purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Introduced on Leave.

Finances.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, a resolve authorizing the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue ;

which took its several readings under a suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

By the same gentleman, a bill in relation to the pay-^{Finances.} ment of moneys into and from the treasury. Read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Codman of Boston offered the following order, which^{Hoosac Tunnel bills.} was adopted under a suspension of the rule which required it to be referred to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That one thousand extra copies of Senate documents, Nos. 112, 173, 263 and 293 be printed for the use of the legislature.

Leave was granted to Mr. Codman of Boston to intro-^{Hoosac Tunnel.} duce the bill to provide for the organization of a line of railroads westwardly from Boston through the Hoosac Tunnel, in pursuance of existing laws and contracts (laid over from the morning session), and the bill was ordered to a second reading, the rule requiring its reference to a committee being suspended.

Orders of the Day.

The motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the bill^{Orders of the day.} relating to the Massachusetts School Fund, was further considered and carried. Mr. Kimball then moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby an amendment moved by him on Wednesday, striking out the middle clause of the third section, was rejected. The motion was carried, the amendment adopted, and the bill, as amended, was again passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve authorizing the appointment of a commission to inquire into the expediency of revising and amending the laws of the State relating to taxation and the exemptions therefrom, was read. Mr. Whiting of Pembroke moved to amend the resolve by substituting therefor the bill printed in House Doc., No. 427, page 7. On motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy the further consideration of the resolve was postponed until to-morrow.

The bill to amend the charter of the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department; and the

Resolve for obtaining information with reference to the expediency of a change in the laws regulating the distribution of intestate estates;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, June 5, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Lincoln of Boston,—

Reformation of
juveniles.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law for the transfer of boys deemed incorrigible or unfit subjects for the state reform school for boys, from said institution to one of the houses of correction or some other institution.

Papers from the Senate.

Fires in wood-
lands.

A bill for the protection of woodlands against fires, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

State Police.

A bill to enable the Governor of the Commonwealth to preserve the public peace and enforce the laws, came down with the objections of the Lieutenant-Governor, and with this indorsement:

"*Passed*, The objections of the Lieutenant-Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, two-thirds of the members of the Senate present and voting thereon having voted in the affirmative."

The objections of the Lieutenant-Governor were read, and the question being put, Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor? the House failed to pass the bill by a vote of 111 yeas to 76 nays, as follows; two-thirds not having voted in the affirmative:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
John Q. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
Joseph E. Bailey,
Emory Banister,
Patrick Barry,

Messrs. George Bartholmesz,
William G. Bassett,
John Bigelow,
Robert R. Bishop,
Samuel P. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,

Messrs. Richard D. Blinn,
 John C. Blood,
 William E. Blunt,
 Enos W. Boise,
 Dennis Bonner,
 Fred'k L. Bosworth,
 Richard Britton,
 Stillman Butterworth,
 Aaron O. Buxton,
 Alfred A. Clatur,
 Charles R. Codman,
 Patrick Collins,
 Austin H. Connell,
 Henry J. Couch,
 George G. Crocker,
 John A. Cummings,
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
 Timothy J. Dacey,
 Curtis Davis,
 John Davol, Jr.,
 I. W. Derby,
 Edward Dickinson,
 Lucian F. Eldridge,
 James E. Estabrook,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 William Frost,
 Thomas Gates,
 Ashael Gates,
 Ziba Gay,
 William B. Gibson,
 Samuel S. Gleason,
 Andrew J. Gove,
 Brownell Granger,
 F. E. Gray,
 Charles Hale,
 Horace Haskins,
 Joshua P. Haskell,
 Benj. F. Hayes,
 Samuel M. Haynes,
 Benjamin Heath,
 Allen Higginbottom,
 James E. Hill,
 Geo. Hodges,
 N. E. Hollis,
 David P. Howes,
 Francis M. Hughes,
 Edward G. Hull,
 Edward J. Johnson,
 Jonathan Johnson,

Messrs. George W. Jones,
 Thomas M. Judd,
 Elbridge G. Kelley,
 Moses Kimball,
 Eben Kimball,
 George P. Kingsley,
 William S. Knox,
 Samuel O. Lamb,
 Joseph C. Little,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 John T. Manny,
 Albert Mason,
 Edward McCleave,
 Joseph B. Morss,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 William H. Murray,
 Reuben Noble,
 Porter Nutting,
 Richard Olney,
 Charles S. Osgood,
 Albert Palmer,
 James O. Parker,
 William E. Perkins,
 Henry W. Phelps,
 Smith R. Phillips,
 Richard Pope,
 Henry L. Pratt,
 Lawrence Reade,
 John A. G. Richardson,
 John W. Rice,
 George D. Robinson,
 Nathaniel J. Rust,
 Cyrus Savage,
 Nathaniel Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 Charles L. Shaw,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Albert Smith,
 Rufus Smith,
 Ezra Stearns,
 Isaac Stebbins,
 Daniel J. Sweeney,
 George W. Taft,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Michael F. Wells,
 T. W. Wellington,
 Moses Williams, Jr.,
 James B. Williams,
 Robert R. Wiley.

NAYS.

Messrs. Sanford W. Billings,	Messrs. Frederic W. Lincoln,
S. W. Brayton,	Lewis Lombard,
James N. Buffum,	Charles A. Loud,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Edward P. Loring,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Aaron Low,
Damon E. Cheney,	Horatio A. Lucas,
Albe C. Clark,	Lyman Mason,
Francis E. Clark,	Horace H. Mayhew,
L. J. Cole,	David Mayhew,
Benjamin C. Currier,	James L. Merritt,
Francis C. Curtis,	Albert Montague,
John Cushing,	John F. Moors,
Thomas S. Cushman,	Avery W. Nelson,
George O. Fairbanks,	Edward O. Noyes,
John B. Fairbanks,	Lysander J. Orcutt,
C. C. Field,	William C. Parker, Jr.,
John H. Fisher,	D. Franklin Reed,
Joseph E. Fiske,	Philip H. Robinson,
Eustace C. Fitz,	William R. Roundy,
George S. Gates,	George J. Sanger,
Addison Gilbert,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	John Shaw,
Levi L. Goodspeed,	Henry Shortle,
Elbridge H. Goss,	William L. Slade,
Nahum B. Hall,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
Solomon E. Hallett,	Abraham H. Smith,
Abraham W. Harris,	George D. Smalley,
John F. Haskins,	Franklin H. Sprague,
T. M. House,	Sumner Southworth,
Benjamin Howard,	Richard H. Stearns,
Andrew Howes,	James G. Tarr,
James D. Hurlbut,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Richardson Hutchinson,	Leonard Washburn,
Nathan S. Jenkins,	Simon H. White,
Edward J. Jones,	William Whiting,
Charles H. Killam,	Henry W. Wilson,
Henry D. Lay,	Samuel Winslow,
Daniel J. Lewis,	George C. Wright.

Yeas, 111 ; nays, 76.

Subsequently, Mr. Crocker of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote, which motion was placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon.

Insane.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the bill for the custody and treatment of the convict and homicidal insane, was discharged from the orders of the day and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of the same gentleman, the report of the committee on Finance, leave to withdraw on the petitions of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, and of W. T. Hart and others, trustees, for the application of the sinking fund provided for by chapter 134, acts of 1854, was taken from the table, and amended by substituting therefor a resolve in relation to the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To establish the second district court of eastern Worcester ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Relating to liens on buildings and land ;

To authorize the construction of a new bridge and avenue across the Charles River between Boston and Cambridge ; and

To unite the city of Boston and the town of Winthrop ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed resolve in favor of the town of Stoughton (which originated in the Senate), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill concerning the old parade and training-field in the town of Agawam, reported that the same ought to pass.

**Agawam—
training-field.**

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the House bill (on leave) in relation to payment of moneys into and from the treasury, reported that the same ought to pass.

Finances.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Senate bill to establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Franklin ; also the

**Registers of
probate.**

Bill to establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampshire, reported that they ought to pass in a new draft.

Cemetery lots.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon for a second reading.

Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Senate bill relating to rights of widows in cemetery lots, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The bill to establish a state detective force was further considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Knox of Lawrence, Olney of Boston and Adams of Quincy were adopted, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading. On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, the bill was placed first in the orders of the day for this afternoon.

The bill to incorporate the Blackstone Savings Bank, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Reade of Milford, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to authorize the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad Company to mortgage its railroad, and for other purposes, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend chapter 392 of the acts of the year 1871, relating to the increase of capital stock by corporations, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, and then rejected.

The resolve authorizing the appointment of a commission to inquire into the expediency of revising and amending the laws of the State relating to taxation and the exemptions therefrom, was read and considered. The bill moved by Mr. Whiting of Pembroke as a substitute for the resolve was rejected, and the resolve was ordered to a third reading.

The bill to provide for the organization of a line of railroads westwardly from Boston through the Hoosac Tunnel, in pursuance of existing laws and contracts, was, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, postponed until afternoon.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Report of a Committee.

Trustees.

Mr. Robinson of Newton, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Senate bill concerning the resignation of trustees, reported that the

same ought not to pass. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

Orders of the day.

Concerning the old parade and training field in the town of Agawam ;

To amend chapter 28 of the General Statutes, relating to cemetery lots ;

To establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Franklin (amended on motion of Mr. Lamb of Greenfield) ;

To establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampshire ;

In relation to payment of moneys into and from the treasury ; and the

Resolve in relation to the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to provide for the organization of a line of railroads westwardly from Boston through the Hoosac Tunnel, in pursuance of existing laws and contracts, was, on motion of Mr. Cummings of Woburn, postponed until to-morrow.

The motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to pass the bill to enable the Governor of the Commonwealth to preserve the public peace and enforce the laws, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, was considered.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg raised the point of order, that it was not competent for the House to reconsider the vote by which the House had once refused to pass the bill over the Executive veto. Point of order.

After remarks by several gentlemen, the Speaker ruled as follows :—

The question of order raised is apparently not without difficulties. No precedents have been cited, and the Chair has had no opportunity to search for authorities.

The constitution provides (chapter I., section I., article 2) that when a bill is returned with the objections of the Executive, the branch first receiving it "shall proceed to reconsider the said bill," and if, "after such reconsideration," it is passed by the requisite two-thirds vote, it shall be sent, with the objections, to the other branch,

"where it shall also be *reconsidered*, and, if approved by two-thirds of the members present, shall have the force of a law."

By the rules of the House (Nos. 68 and 69), "When a *vote* has passed, * * * * * it shall be in order for any member to move the *reconsideration* thereof on the same or the succeeding day"; but no "*question* shall be *twice* reconsidered."

The point of the objection of the gentleman from Fitchburg (Mr. Loring) is, that there has already been *one* reconsideration in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, and that the motion of the gentleman from Boston (Mr. Crocker) proposes a *second* reconsideration, which is forbidden by rule 69.

The constitution, whenever it prescribes a mode of legislative procedure, must be regarded as the higher law; and if there is a conflict between the constitution and the rules of the House, the latter must give way. It is better, however, so to construe the constitution and the rules, that full effect may be given to both. The Chair believes this may be done in the present case.

There is a clear distinction to be made between a *bill* and a *question* on the bill. A bill may remain the same through all its stages, but the question changes with each stage. The same distinction is to be taken between a bill and a *vote* on the bill. A vote is a categorical answer to a parliamentary question, and there will be as many different votes on a bill as there are different questions arising on the bill.

A corresponding distinction is to be observed between the *reconsideration of a bill* and the *reconsideration of a question or vote* on the bill. By observing this distinction, the constitution and the rules are harmonized. The reconsideration which the *constitution* calls for, is the reconsideration of the *bill itself*,—the reasons why it should or should not pass. It is the sober afterthought of the House upon the merits of *the measure* which the bill contains, in the light of the Executive objections. The reconsideration which the *rules* intend and provide for, is the reconsideration of a *question or vote* arising on the bill, with the limitation that the *same* question or vote should not be *twice* reconsidered.

But, by the rules, each of the questions or votes to which a bill gives rise, may be reconsidered *once*. Is, then, the question which the pending motion proposes to

reconsider, the *same* question as that which arose (before the veto) on the passage of the bill to be enacted? The Chair thinks it is not. The question then was, substantially, Shall this bill become a law with the *approval* of the Executive? The question which it is proposed to reconsider is, Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the *objections* of the Executive? It requires a two-thirds vote to pass the bill in the latter case, and only a majority vote in the former. The difference between these two questions, technically and in substance is, at least, as great as the difference between the questions arising at any two stages of the bill. The veto of a bill is to be regarded as giving to the bill an additional and exceptional stage, having its peculiar question and vote, which are subject to reconsideration under the rules of the House like any other question and vote.

If the term "*reconsideration*" were to be understood as having the same application in the constitution as in the rules of the House, and if the question of the passage of the bill *after* the veto were to be regarded as the same question as that of its passage *before* the veto,—it must follow that, if the House had once reconsidered the passage of the bill *before* the veto, it could not again reconsider the bill, in obedience to the constitution, *after* the veto, without violating its own rules. Such a construction ought clearly to be avoided. In the sense of the constitution, the *bill* is reconsidered at each of its successive readings or stages, and the *question* or *vote* arising at each stage may, in the sense of the rules, be also reconsidered.

A reasonable liberty of action is rather to be enlarged than narrowed, in the construction and application of rules, by the Chair. To guard against haste, or surprise, or the accidental disadvantage of the minority at the moment a vote is taken, the rules intend to secure the right of once reconsidering every vote. This right is especially to be protected on a question like the present, where one negative vote is equivalent to two affirmative votes, and where the parliamentary minority is often a large numerical majority.

It is suggested by the gentleman from Fitchburg (Mr. Loring), that serious embarrassments may arise from allowing the reconsideration of the vote upon a vetoed bill; that, in the present case, if the House had passed the bill over the veto, the state constabulary force would apparently have been abolished; that the force would be

reinstated by the reversal of the vote upon reconsideration; that, by a suspension of the rules, such reconsideration might be had after the lapse of days or weeks, or a *second* reconsideration might be carried; and that difficult questions would arise in regard to the *status* of the constabulary force in the interim.

Similar difficulties may be suggested in regard to the reconsideration of votes on other questions. So far as they exist, they are inseparable from the right to reconsider at all. It would be sufficient for our present purpose, to say that the House has *not* passed the bill over the veto, but has *refused* to pass it; and that in no case of such refusal, could any such embarrassments arise.

But if the bill had been *passed* over the veto, the answer might be, that the decision of the House is always to be regarded as in abeyance, and its action as not final, until the right of reconsideration under its rules has expired or been exhausted; that it requires the same vote (two-thirds) to suspend the rules that it does to pass a vetoed bill, and it is extremely improbable that such a vote could be obtained to suspend the rules for the purpose of defeating the bill by reconsideration, after the bill had once passed, and the right to reconsider had expired; and that, upon the final passage of the bill by the House, whether upon the first vote or upon reconsideration within the time limited by the rules, the bill itself would pass immediately out of the possession and control of the House into the custody of another branch or department of the government, so that no further action could be had on it even by suspension of the rules. It would be much easier to repeal the act under such circumstances, than to attempt to reconsider its passage.

To return to the precise question that is now raised, the Chair rules that it is competent for the House to reconsider a vote refusing to pass a bill over the Executive veto, and that the pending motion is in order.

No appeal being taken from the ruling of the Chair, the question was put on the motion to reconsider, which prevailed.

A motion by Mr. Knox of Lawrence that the bill lie on the table was lost.

The question recurring on passing the bill notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, and the yeas and nays being called, the House refused to pass the bill, two-thirds

of the members present and voting not having voted in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
John Q. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
Joseph E. Bailey,
Emory Banister,
Patrick Barry,
George Barthomesz,
William G. Bassett,
John H. Bell,
John Bigelow,
Samuel P. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Richard D. Blinn,
John C. Blood,
William E. Blunt,
Enos W. Boise,
Dennis Bonner,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,
Richard Britton,
William B. Brown,
Stillman Butterworth,
Aaron O. Buxton,
James H. Carleton,
Charles R. Codman,
Patrick Collins,
Austin H. Connell,
Henry J. Couch,
Jeremiah W. Coveney,
George G. Crocker,
John Cummings,
John A. Cummings,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Curtis Davis,
Henry C. Davis,
John Davol, Jr.,
I. W. Derby,
Edward Dickinson,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
Augustus B. Endicott,
James E. Estabrook,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
William Frost,
Thomas Gates,

Messrs. Asahel Gates,
Wm. B. Gibson,
Sam'l S. Gleason,
Andrew J. Gove,
Brownell Granger,
F. E. Gray,
Charles Hale,
Gayton M. Hall,
Horace Haskins,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Benj. F. Hayes,
Samuel M. Haynes,
Benj. Heath,
Allen Higginbottom,
Joseph W. Hill,
James E. Hill,
Geo. Hodges,
David P. Howes,
Francis M. Hughes,
Edward G. Hull,
Edward J. Johnson,
Jonathan Johnson,
George W. Jones,
Thomas M. Judd,
Elbridge G. Kelley,
Eben Kimball,
George P. Kingsley,
Lucius W. Knight,
William S. Knox,
Samuel O. Lamb,
Joseph C. Little,
Henry B. Lovering,
John T. Manny,
Albert Mason,
Edward McCleave,
Daniel McCowan,
John J. McNutt,
John B. Moore,
Joseph B. Morss,
Andrew M. Morton,
William H. Murray,
Reuben Noble,
Porter Nutting,
Richard Olney,
Almon M. Orcutt,

Messrs. Charles S. Osgood,
 Albert Palmer,
 James O. Parker,
 William E. Perkins,
 Smith R. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Richard Pope,
 Charles L. Pratt,
 Henry L. Pratt,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 Lawrence Reade,
 John A. G. Richardson,
 John W. Rice,
 George D. Robinson,
 Nathaniel J. Rust,
 Cyrus Savage,
 John Savery,
 Nathaniel Seaver,

Messrs. George A. Shaw,
 Charles L. Shaw,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Albert Smith,
 Rufus Smith,
 Ezra Stearns,
 John H. Studley,
 Daniel J. Sweeney,
 George W. Taft,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Warren Tyler,
 Michael F. Wells,
 T. W. Wellington,
 Moses Williams, Jr.,
 James B. Williams,
 Robert R. Wiley.

NAYS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 Samuel H. Boutwell,
 S. W. Brayton,
 James N. Buffum,
 Alonzo A. Carr,
 Cyrus W. Chapman,
 Damon E. Cheney,
 Albe C. Clark,
 Francis E. Clark,
 L. J. Cole,
 Ben. C. Currier,
 Francis C. Curtis,
 John Cushing,
 Thomas S. Cushman,
 Edward Eaton,
 Joseph M. Eaton,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 Joseph E. Fiske,
 George S. Gates,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Sam'l S. Ginnodo,
 Levi L. Goodspeed,
 Elbridge H. Goss,
 Nahum B. Hall,
 Solomon E. Hallett,
 Abraham W. Harris,
 John F. Haskins,
 John B. Hill,

Messrs. T. M. House,
 Benj. Howard,
 Andrew Howes,
 James D. Hurlbut,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Erastus Jones,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Charles H. Killam,
 Henry D. Lay,
 Daniel J. Lewis,
 Willard Lewis,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Lewis Lombard,
 Edward P. Loring,
 Aaron Low,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 Julius M. Lyon,
 Lyman Mason,
 Horace H. Mayhew,
 David Mayhew,
 James L. Merritt,
 Albert Montague,
 John F. Moors,
 Avery W. Nelson,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Lysander J. Orcutt,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 Francis E. Porter,
 J. A. Rich,
 Philip H. Robinson,

Messrs. Charles Robinson, Jr.,	Messrs. Franklin H. Sprague,
William R. Roundy,	Sumner Southworth,
George J. Sanger,	Richard H. Stearns,
L. H. Sawin,	James G. Tarr,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,	Artemas S. Tyler,
John Shaw,	Leonard Washburn,
Henry Shortle,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
William L. Slade,	Simon H. White,
J. K. C. Sleeper,	William Whiting,
Moses Smith,	Henry W. Wilson,
Abraham H. Smith,	Samuel Winslow,
George D. Smalley,	George C. Wright.

Yeas, 125 ; nays, 86.

The bill to establish a state detective force, was read and further considered.

Mr. Crocker of Boston moved an amendment which was adopted. The yeas and nays were ordered on the question of passing the bill to be engrossed, the roll was called, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed by a vote of 117 yeas to 79 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Messrs. John Cummings,
John Q. Adams,	John A. Cummings,
Andrew Athy,	Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Timothy J. Dacey,
Patrick Barry,	Curtis Davis,
George Bartholmesz,	John Davol, Jr.,
William G. Bassett,	I. W. Derby,
John H. Bell,	Edward Dickinson,
John Bigelow,	Augustus B. Endicott,
Robert R. Bishop,	James E. Estabrook,
Stephen F. Blaney,	John E. Fitzgerald,
Richard D. Blinn,	Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
John C. Blood,	William Frost,
William E. Blunt,	Thomas Gates,
Dennis Bonner,	Asahel Gates,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Wm. B. Gibson,
Richard Britton,	Andrew J. Gove,
Stillman Butterworth,	F. E. Gray,
James H. Carleton,	Charles Hale,
Charles R. Codman,	Gayton M. Hall,
Patrick Collins,	Horace Haskins,
Austin H. Connell,	Joshua P. Haskell,
Henry J. Couch,	Benj. F. Hayes,
J. W. Coveney,	Samuel M. Haynes,
George G. Crocker,	Benj. Heath,

Messrs. Allen Higginbottom,
 Joseph W. Hill,
 James E. Hill,
 Geo. Hodges,
 David P. Howes,
 Francis M. Hughes,
 Edward G. Hull,
 Edward J. Johnson,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 George W. Jones,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Elbridge G. Kelley,
 Moses Kimball,
 Eben Kimball,
 George P. Kingsley,
 Lucius W. Knight,
 William S. Knox,
 Samuel O. Lamb,
 Henry D. Lay,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Charles A. Loud,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 John T. Manny,
 Albert Mason,
 Edward McCleave,
 Daniel McCowan,
 John J. McNutt,
 John B. Moore,
 Joseph B. Morss,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 Porter Nutting,
 Richard Olney,
 Almon M. Orcutt,
 Charles S. Osgood,

Messrs. James O. Parker,
 William E. Perkins,
 Smith R. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Richard Pope,
 Henry L. Pratt,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 Lawrence Reade,
 J. A. G. Richardson,
 John W. Rice,
 George D. Robinson,
 Nathaniel J. Rust,
 Cyrus Savage,
 John Savery,
 Nathaniel Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 Charles L. Shaw,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Albert Smith,
 Rufus Smith,
 Richard H. Stearns,
 Ezra Stearns,
 Daniel J. Sweeney,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Artemas S. Tyler,
 Warren Tyler,
 Michael F. Wells,
 T. W. Wellington,
 Moses Williams, Jr.,
 James B. Williams,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Henry W. Wilson.

NAYS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 Samuel H. Boutwell,
 S. W. Brayton,
 James N. Buffum,
 Aaron O. Buxton,
 Alonzo A. Carr,
 Cyrus W. Chapman,
 Damon E. Cheney,
 Albe C. Clark,
 L. J. Cole,
 Ben. C. Currier,
 Francis C. Curtis,
 John Cushing,

Messrs. Thomas S. Cushman,
 Edward Eaton,
 Joseph M. Eaton,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 Joseph E. Fiske,
 George S. Gates,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Sam'l S. Ginnodo,
 Levi L. Goodspeed,
 Elbridge H. Goss,
 Nahum B. Hall,
 Solomon E. Hallett,

<p>Messrs. Abraham W. Harris, John F. Haskins, John B. Hill, T. M. House, Benjamin Howard, Andrew Howes, James D. Hurlbut, Richardson Hutchinson, Nathan S. Jenkins, Erastus Jones, Charles H. Killam, Daniel J. Lewis, Willard Lewis, Lewis Lombard, Edward P. Loring, Aaron Low, Horatio A. Lucas, Julius M. Lyon, Lyman Mason, Horace H. Mayhew, David Mayhew, James L. Merritt, Albert Montague, John F. Moors, Avery W. Nelson, Edward O. Noyes,</p>	<p>Messrs. Lysander J. Orcutt, William C. Parker, Jr., Francis E. Porter, J. A. Rich, Joshua C. Robinson, Philip H. Robinson, William R. Roundy, George J. Sanger, L. H. Sawin, Isaac F. Sawtelle, John Shaw, Henry Shortle, J. K. C. Sleeper, Moses Smith, Abraham H. Smith, George D. Smalley, Franklin H. Sprague, Sumner Southworth, John H. Studley, James G. Tarr, Leonard Washburn, Cyrus M. Wheaton, Simon H. White, Samuel Winslow, George C. Wright.</p>
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Yeas, 117; nays, 79.

The bill to authorize the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad Company to mortgage its railroad, and for other purposes; and the

Resolve authorizing the appointment of a commission to inquire into the expediency of revising and amending the laws of the state relating to taxation and the exemptions therefrom;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, June 6, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Mr. Crocker of Boston offered the following order, which was laid over until Monday, at the request of Mr. Billings of Sharon:—

Close of session. *Ordered*, That Monday, the eighth instant, be considered the beginning of the last week of the session.

Papers from the Senate.

Geo. C. Bucknam.

The petition of George C. Bucknam for state aid, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Julius K. Banister.

A resolve in favor of the widow of Julius K. Banister, deceased, passed to be engrossed by the Senate under a suspension of the rules, was read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

County commissioners.

The House bill to amend section 8 of chapter 10 of the General Statutes, relating to county and special commissioners, passed to be engrossed by the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment, came down, and the House concurred in the amendment.

Orders of the Day.

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Bills :

To amend chapter 28 of the General Statutes relating to cemetery lots ;

To establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Franklin ;

In relation to payment of moneys into and from the treasury ; and a

Resolve in relation to the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill concerning the old parade and training field in the town of Agawam, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampshire, was read, and amended on motion of Mr. Bassett of Easthampton by substituting therefor the original Senate bill (Senate, No. 222), which the committee on Probate and Chancery had reported in a new draft, and as amended, it was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Senate bill concerning the resignation of trustees was rejected, in accordance with the report of the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, June 8, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

The bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Anderson School of Natural History came down with an indorsement that the Senate insisted on its non-concurrence in the House amendment, and asked a committee of conference; and Messrs. Bailey, Washburn and Bacon were appointed on its part. The House agreed to the request for the committee, and Messrs. Mason of Boston, Mayhew of Tisbury and Sawtelle of New Bedford were joined on its part.

Anderson
School of
Natural His-
tory.

The House bill concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes, came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendment, and asked for a committee of conference; Messrs. Norcross, Aiken and Verry being appointed on its part. The House agreed to the request, and Messrs. Adams of Quincy, Mason of Plymouth and Bigelow of Boston, were joined on its part.

Associations.

Reconsiderations.

On motion of Mr. Bishop of Newton, the vote was reconsidered whereby the House passed to be engrossed the resolve in relation to the Norwich and Worcester Railroad, and, pending the question of engrossment, the resolve was laid on the table.

Norwich and
Worcester R. R.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Boston, the vote whereby the House rejected the Senate bill concerning the resignation of trustees, was reconsidered, and the bill was laid on the table.

Trustees.

The motion of Mr. Dickinson of Amherst, that the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the bill to establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency of the county of Hampshire, was rejected.

Register of Pro-
bate for Hamp-
shire.

Order.

The order offered by Mr. Crocker of Boston on Saturday, and laid over, was adopted, as follows:—

Ordered, That Monday, the 8th instant, be considered to be the beginning of the last week of the session.

Last week of
session.

Boston—courts. Mr. Olney of Boston asked leave to introduce the bill in addition to an act relating to the municipal courts of the city of Boston. Laid over, at request of Mr. Shaw of Boston.

Reports of Committees.

Dower. By Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, ought to pass with an amendment, on the Senate bill concerning the right of dower.

Voting lists. By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, ought to pass, on the Senate bill to protect the use of alphabetical lists of voters.

These bills were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Fires in woodlands. By Mr. Robinson of Chicopee, from the committee on the Judiciary, ought not to pass, on the Senate bill for the protection of woodland against fires. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Insane. By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, that the Senate bill for the custody and treatment of the convict and homicidal insane ought to pass in a new draft.

Wharves. By Mr. Sprague of Framingham, from the committee on Harbors, on an order relative to the expediency of empowering the Board of Harbor Commissioners to license the construction and extension of wharves, a bill in relation to structures in tide-waters.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reform School. By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to the transfer of boys deemed incorrigible from the State Reform School to some other institution. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day. The bill to provide for the organization of a line of railroads westwardly from Boston through the Hoosac Tunnel, in pursuance of existing laws and contracts, was considered. After debate, the question of ordering the bill to a third reading, was put and declared to be carried. The vote was doubted, and a count was made. Before the

declaration of the vote, Mr. Hale of Boston called for a verification by the yeas and nays, pending which call, the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, June 9, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, New York and New England R. R. to whom was referred the resolve concerning the shares in the capital stock of the New York and New England Railroad Company owned by the Commonwealth, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, J. K. Banister. to whom was referred the Senate resolve in favor of the widow of Julius K. Banister, deceased, reported that the same ought to pass.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Boston, the rules were suspended, the resolve took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Leave was granted to Mr. Olney of Boston to introduce Boston—courts. a bill (laid over from yesterday) relating to the municipal courts of the city of Boston.

Under suspension of the rules, the bill, without reference to a committee, had its several readings, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill to establish the salaries of the justice and clerk of the municipal court of the Dorchester district of the city of Boston, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary. Dorchester court.

A bill to provide for the transaction of official business in the probate office of Suffolk County, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on Probate and Chancery. Suffolk probate office.

Resolutions concerning compulsory pilotage at Hell Gate, passed by the Senate, were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Pilotage.

Peddlers.

The report of the committee on Manufactures, leave to withdraw on sundry petitions "for a change in the hawker's and peddler's law," was read and accepted in concurrence.

Essex—landing-place.

The House bill to discontinue a portion of a public landing-place in the town of Essex came down with amendments. The House concurred with all the amendments except one, in which it non-concurred, and the bill was sent up with the proper indorsement.

Chas. E. Barnard.

The petition of Charles E. Barnard for state aid, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Chas. Sumner.

The report of the joint special committee on a eulogy upon Charles Sumner was accepted in concurrence.

Bills passed.**Engrossed bills :**

To incorporate the Blackstone Savings Bank ;

To authorize the payment of expenses of a coroner's inquest from the treasury of the county of Hampshire ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ;

In addition to an act relating to district courts ; and

To dissolve the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves passed.**Engrossed resolves :**

Providing for the payment for certain constructions and repairs on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad ;

Providing for the expense of securing a better ventilation of the Representatives' Chamber ; and

In favor of Natina S. Gilley ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Norwich and Worcester R. R.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the resolve in relation to the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, was taken from the table and amended.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the resolve, as amended, was again laid on the table, and ordered to be printed as amended.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of providing for the transfer of boys deemed incorrigible from the reform school to some other institution, was accepted. Orders of the day.

Bills :

In relation to structures in tide-waters ;

To protect the use of alphabetical lists of voters ;

Concerning the right of dower (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary) ; and

To provide for the custody and treatment of the criminal and homicidal insane ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill for the protection of woodland against fires, was rejected in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill to consolidate into one act the several acts relating to elections passed since the General Statutes, was read, amended on motions of Messrs. Hale of Boston, Robinson of Chicopee, Mason of Boston and Clark of Boston, the title being amended so as to read "An act relating to elections," and as amended, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to provide for the organization of a line of railroads westwardly from Boston through the Hoosac Tunnel, in pursuance of existing laws and contracts, was, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Codman, it was ordered that when the House adjourns it be to meet to-morrow, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, June 10, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill authorizing the commissioners for locating and building a state prison to lease or sell lands not required New state prison.

for that purpose, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons, the House having concurred in granting leave to introduce the bill.

Mass. Agricultural College.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, that no legislation is necessary on the annual report of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, was accepted in concurrence, under a suspension of the rules.

Essex—landing-place.

The House bill to discontinue a portion of a public landing-place in the town of Essex, came down with an endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendment at A, and asked for a committee of conference, Messrs. Aiken, Fitz and Bailey being appointed on its part.

The House agreed to the request for a committee of conference, and Messrs. Hayes of Medford, Mason of Boston and Low of Essex were joined on the part of the House.

Introduced on Leave.

Bonds of executors.

By Mr. Robinson of Newton, a bill in relation to bonds of executors and others. Referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Taken from the Table.

Troy and Greenfield R. R.

On motion of Mr. Olney of Boston, the bill to provide for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad; and

Hoosac Tunnel.

The bill to provide for the organization of a line of railroads westwardly from Boston through the Hoosac Tunnel, in pursuance of existing laws and contracts.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon.

Norwich and Worcester R. R.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the resolve in relation to the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company.

Amendments moved by Mr. Kimball of Boston were adopted, and the resolve was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Trustees.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton, the Senate bill concerning the resignation of trustees.

The pending question of the rejection of the bill was negatived, and on motion of the same gentleman, the rules were suspended and the bill was read a second time. The title of the bill was amended on motion of Mr. Robin-

son of Newton so as to read "A bill in relation to trustees," and the bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Phelps of Springfield, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Wachusett Land Company, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Wachusett
Land Co.

Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of George C. Bucknam, reported that the same should be referred to the next General Court.

Geo. C. Buck-
nam.

Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Joseph Simpson, reported that the same should be referred to the next General Court.

Joseph Simp-
son.

Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to establish the salaries of the justice and clerk of the municipal court of the Dorchester district of the city of Boston, reported that the same ought to pass.

Dorchester
court.

Mr. Robinson of Newton, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the bill in relation to bonds of executors and others, reported that the same ought to pass.

Bonds of execu-
tors.

These bills were severally placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon for a second reading.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill in addition to an act relating to liens on buildings and land, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Liens.

Placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon, the question being on its rejection.

Orders of the Day.

The resolve concerning the stock owned by the Commonwealth in the New York and New England Railroad Company, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the
day.

The Senate resolutions concerning compulsory pilotage at Hell Gate, were passed in concurrence.

Bills :

In relation to structures in tide-waters ; and

To provide for the custody and treatment of the criminal and homicidal insane ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To protect the use of alphabetical lists of voters ; and
Concerning the right of dower ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency of the county of Hampshire ;

Concerning the old public parade and training field in the town of Agawam ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

In addition to an act relating to the municipal courts of the city of Boston ;

To amend the charter of the city of New Bedford ;

To amend section 8 of chapter 10 and section 13 of chapter 17 of the General Statutes, relating to county and special commissioners ;

To authorize the city of Newburyport to subscribe for and hold stock in the Exeter and Salisbury Railway Company ;

In relation to the place of holding the annual meetings of railroad corporations ;

In aid of Williamsburg and Northampton ; and

To extend the time allowed for paying state aid to disabled soldiers and sailors and their families, and families of the slain ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed resolve in favor of the widow of Julius K. Banister, deceased (which originated in the Senate), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Introduced on Leave.

Somerville.

Under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, by Mr. Robinson of Newton, a bill in addition to an act to establish the city of Somerville.

On motion of the same gentleman, the rule requiring the reference of the bill to a committee, was suspended, and it was ordered to a second reading.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston,—

Ordered, That a special committee of three members be appointed to procure a map in crayon exhibiting the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads, and lines connected therewith, from Boston to Lake Ontario. Hoosac Tunnel.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Bigelow of Boston, Hale of Boston and Haskins of Fitchburg, as the committee.

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Lincoln of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the annual report of the Board of State Charities, reported a resolve concerning sanitary improvements at the state almshouse. State charities.
Read and referred, in course, to the committee on Finance.

Paper from the Senate.

A bill regulating elections in the city of Boston, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary. Boston—elections.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

To establish the salaries of the justice and clerk of the municipal court of the Dorchester district of the city of Boston ; and

In relation to bonds of executors and others ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill in addition to the act relating to liens on buildings and land, was rejected, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill to incorporate the Wachusett Mountain Company was read, amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, and rejected.

The consideration of the resolve in favor of Joseph Simpson, was, on motion of Mr. Smalley of Harwich, postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate bill in relation to trustees, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Robinson of Newton, passed to be en-

Orders of the day.

grossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence with House amendments.

The resolve concerning the stock owned by the Commonwealth in the New York and New England Railroad Company, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to provide for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, was further considered.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the House went into committee of the whole to consider the bill, the Speaker designating that gentleman as chairman of the committee of the whole.

The bill was debated at length in committee by Messrs. Granger of Boston, Fairbanks of Fall River, Ginnodo of Attleborough and Cole of Cheshire.

On motion of Mr. Lamb of Greenfield, the committee rose, reported progress and asked to be discharged from further consideration of the bill, which report was accepted by the House, and the committee was discharged. The bill was then laid on the table.

The orders of the day being laid upon the table, Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House rejected the bill to incorporate the Wachusett Mountain Company, pending the consideration of which the House

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 11, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

S. J. Court.

A bill to establish the salary of the reporter and provide for the publication of the reports of the decisions of the supreme judicial court, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Natick—First
Cong. Society.

A bill to authorize the First Congregational Society in Natick to sell certain real estate, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and under a suspension of the rules moved by Mr. Fairbanks of Natick, was ordered to a third reading without being first referred to a committee.

The report of the committee on Public Lands, leave to withdraw on the petition of Edward Atkinson and others concerning the Commonwealth's flats at South Boston, which had been accepted by the House, came down referred to the committee on Railways. The House concurred in the reference.

Commonwealth's flats.

Information was received of the rejection by the Senate of the House bill "to provide for the custody of certain intoxicating liquors."

Liquors.

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the finances of the state, reported a bill to authorize a loan for the construction of a state prison, and to establish a sinking fund for the same, and for the Danvers Lunatic Hospital Loan, which was read and ordered to a second reading.

State prison.

Danvers Lunatic Hospital.

An engrossed bill to authorize the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad Company to mortgage its railroad, and for other purposes (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Bill passed.

Orders of the Day.

Resolves :

In favor of George C. Bucknam ; and

In favor of Joseph Simpson ;

Were severally referred to the next General Court, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on Claims.

Orders of the day.

The bill to establish the salaries of the justice and clerk of the municipal court of the Dorchester district of the city of Boston, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in relation to bonds of executors and others, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg, to reconsider the vote whereby the House rejected the bill to incorporate the Wachusett Mountain Company, pending on the adjournment of the House yesterday, was carried. On motion of Mr. Bigelow, the amendment to the bill adopted by the House yesterday was reconsidered and

rejected. The bill was then amended, on motion of the same gentleman, and, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The bill to provide for the organization of a line of railroads westwardly from Boston through the Hoosac Tunnel, in pursuance of existing laws and contracts, was further considered.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Brown of Marblehead was allowed to move to amend the bill by substituting therefor the bill printed in Senate Doc., No. 173.

Pending this motion, the orders of the day were laid on the table.

Mr. Adams of Quincy moved that when the House adjourns it be to meet on Monday next at 2 o'clock, P. M.

After discussion, the motion was declared carried.

On motion of Mr. Blaney of Peabody, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion was carried by a vote of 86 yeas to 57 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. John Q. Adams,	Messrs. Edward Dickinson,
Andrew Athy,	Thomas Gates,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Asahel Gates,
Patrick Barry,	Sam'l S. Gleason,
George Bartholmesz,	Elbridge H. Goss,
Robert R. Bishop,	Solomon E. Hallett,
Samuel P. Billings,	Joshua P. Haskell,
Richard D. Blinn,	Benj. F. Hayes,
John C. Blood,	Benj. Heath,
William E. Blunt,	Allen Higginbottom,
Enos W. Boise,	George Hodges,
Dennis Bonner,	David P. Howes,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Francis M. Hughes,
William B. Brown,	Edward J. Johnson,
Stillman Butterworth,	Erastus Jones,
Aaron O. Buxton,	George W. Jones,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Thomas M. Judd,
Francis E. Clark,	George P. Kingsley,
Alfred A. Clatur,	William S. Knox,
Charles R. Codman,	Samuel O. Lamb,
Patrick Collins,	Henry D. Lay,
Jeremiah W. Coveney,	Henry B. Lovering,
Ben. C. Currier,	Horatio A. Lucas,
Thomas S. Cushman,	Lyman Mason,
Timothy J. Dacey,	David Mayhew,
Curtis Davis,	Edward McCleave,

Messrs. W. Stanley Newhall,
Reuben Noble,
Richard Olney,
Lysander J. Orcutt,
Charles S. Osgood,
James O. Parker,
Smith R. Phillips,
Francis E. Porter,
Charles L. Pratt,
Edward B. Rankin,
Lawrence Reade,
D. Franklin Reed,
J. A. G. Richardson,
J. A. Rich,
George D. Robinson,
George J. Sanger,
Cyrus Savage,

Messrs. L. H. Sawin,
Nathaniel Seaver,
E. H. Seymour,
George A. Shaw,
John Shaw,
Albert Smith,
Moses Smith,
Rufus Smith,
George D. Smalley,
Sumner Southworth,
George W. Taft,
Daniel H. Thurston,
Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Simon H. White,
James B. Williams,
Henry V. Woods,
George C. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Emory Banister,
Sanford W. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Samuel H. Boutwell,
Reuben Boynton,
James N. Buffum,
Damon E. Cheney,
George G. Crocker,
John Cushing,
Edward Eaton,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
George O. Fairbanks,
C. C. Field,
John H. Fisher,
Joseph E. Fiske,
William Frost,
George S. Gates,
William B. Gibson,
Addison Gilbert,
John J. Giles,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,
Andrew J. Gove,
Charles Hale,
Abraham W. Harris,
Horace Haskins,
Sam'l M. Haynes,
John B. Hill,
James E. Hill,
Benj. Howard,

Messrs. Richardson Hutchinson,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Moses Kimball,
Daniel J. Lewis,
Willard Lewis,
Lewis Lombard,
Edward P. Loring,
Horace H. Mayhew,
James L. Merritt,
Albert Montague,
Andrew M. Morton,
Porter Nutting,
Almon M. Orcutt,
Albert Palmer,
John W. Rice,
William R. Roundy,
John Savery,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Abraham H. Smith,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Richard H. Stearns,
Ezra Stearns,
Isaac Stebbins,
Artemus S. Tyler,
Warren Tyler,
Leonard Washburn,
Samuel Winslow.

Yeas, 86 ; nays, 57.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill,—

Bills :

Railroads.

To amend section nineteen of the sixty-third chapter of the General Statutes, relating to taking of lands by railroad companies ; and

Relating to applications for damages to private ways by railroads ;

Were taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, June 15, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Plymouth district courts.

The House bill to establish district courts in Plymouth County, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with certain amendments, in which the House concurred.

Norwich and Worcester R. R.

A resolve concerning the sinking fund of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, created by chapter 134 of the acts of 1854, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Hoosac Tunnel Committee.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads be instructed to report without delay upon the petition of Edward Crane and others, for an act to incorporate the Atlantic and Ontario Railroad Trust Company, which was referred to them January 30, 1874.

Courts.

An order relative to creating a joint special committee to investigate the whole system of the inferior courts of the Commonwealth, adopted by the Senate, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Petitions Presented.

Walpole and Sharon.

By Mr. Lewis of Walpole, the petition of F. W. Bird, for an act amendatory of the act of the present year annex-

ing a portion of the town of Sharon to the town of Walpole.

By Mr. Mason of Plymouth, the petition of the Old Colony National Bank, that the corporation heretofore known as the President, Directors and Company of the Old Colony Bank may be revived and continued for certain purposes.

The 20th joint rule was suspended in each case, and the petitions were severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence in suspension of the 20th joint rule.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bigelow of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on the petition of William R. Mann and others, selectmen of Sharon, and other citizens, for authority to remove remains from a certain burial ground in said town. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate bill regulating elections in the city of Boston, ought to pass with certain amendments. The bill (with the amendments) was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Bills :

To prevent fraud at elections in cities ; and

To punish illegal voting and to secure purity of elections.

On motion of the same gentleman, the rule requiring the bills to be referred to a committee, was suspended, and they were severally ordered to a second reading.

Engrossed bills :

To protect the use of alphabetical lists of voters ;

To establish the salaries of the justice and clerk of the municipal court of the Dorchester district of the city of Boston ;

Concerning the right of dower ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

To establish a state detective force ;

To promote the more speedy and convenient adminis-

Sharon—burial ground.

Boston—elections.

Elections.

Bills passed.

tration of justice in the counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden, and for other purposes ;

To amend the charter of the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department ;

To amend chapter 38 of the General Statutes, in relation to taking land for school purposes ; and

In relation to damages sustained by the laying out or altering of highways and other ways ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed resolve authorizing the appointment of a commission to inquire into the expediency of revising and amending the laws of the state relating to taxation and the exemptions therefrom (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

The bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company (which originated in the House of Representatives), was considered. Pending the question of passing the bill to be enacted, Mr. Kimball of Boston called for the yeas and nays, when, on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the bill was laid upon the table.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

To authorize a loan for the construction of a state prison, and to establish a sinking fund for the same, and for the Danvers Lunatic Hospital Loan ; and

To amend section nineteen of the sixty-third chapter of the General Statutes, relating to taking of lands by railroad companies ;

Were read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Relating to applications for damages to private ways by railroads ; and

To incorporate the Wachusett Mountain Company, (amended on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in addition to an act to establish the city of Somerville, was read and considered. Mr. Robinson

moved to amend by substituting a bill "in relation to altering highways in the cities of Newton and Somerville," which was carried. The bill as amended, was, under the 60th rule, placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, pending the question of ordering it to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Boston, the orders of the day were laid on the table.

On motion of the same gentleman, the bill to provide for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, was taken from the table. A motion of the same gentleman that the bill be placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow was rejected, and the bill was considered, pending which the House

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, June 16, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill to establish the first district court of eastern Middlesex, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary. District court of E. Middlesex.

The House resolve in favor of the normal schools at Worcester, Bridgewater and Westfield, came down passed to be engrossed by the Senate in concurrence, with certain amendments, in which the House concurred. Normal schools.

Bills :

Concerning manufacturing and other corporations (new draft of House, No. 370) ; and Corporations.

For correspondence of insane and commission in lunacy (new draft of House, No. 384) ; Insane.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Wiley of Boston, from the committee on the State House, in accordance with section 9 of chapter 5 of the General Statutes, reported a resolve providing for painting the outside and inside of the State House, and repairs and improvements in and around the same. State house repairs.

State house
repairs.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, also reported a resolve providing for certain repairs and improvements of the State House.

These resolves were severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Edward Crane.

Mr. Hale of Boston, from the joint special committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads, on the petition of Edward Crane and others to be incorporated as the Atlantic and Ontario Railway Trust Company, reported leave to withdraw.

Troy and
Greenfield R. R.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to an amendment of the constitution, securing to the Commonwealth the franchise and title of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

These reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon.

Introduced on Leave.

Industrial
School.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, a bill relating to the industrial school at Lawrence. Read and ordered to a second reading, under a suspension of the rule requiring reference to a committee.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on the petition of William R. Mann and others, selectmen of Sharon, for authority to remove the remains from a certain burial ground in said town, was accepted and sent up for concurrence, the House refusing to amend the same by substituting a bill moved by Mr. Billings of Sharon.

Bills :

Regulating elections in the city of Boston (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary) ;

To prevent fraud at elections in cities ;

To punish illegal voting, and to secure purity of elections ; and

In relation to altering highways in the cities of Newton and Somerville ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize a loan for the construction of a state prison, and to establish a sinking fund for the same,

and for the Danvers Lunatic Hospital Loan, was, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, laid on the table.

The bill to amend section nineteen of the sixty-third chapter of the General Statutes, relating to taxing of lands by railroad companies, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the First Congregational Society in Natick to sell certain real estate, was read, amended as recommended by the committee on bills in the Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to provide for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad was further considered.

Mr. Palmer of Boston moved the previous question. Mr. Stearns of Boston moved to lay the bill on the table. The yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Granger of Boston, on the latter question. The roll was called, and the House refused to lay the bill on the table, 72 yeas to 82 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
John Bigelow,
Robert R. Bishop,
Sanford W. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
William E. Blunt,
Frederick L. Bosworth,
Samuel H. Boutwell,
Richard Britton,
James N. Buffum,
Charles R. Codman,
Edward Dickinson,
Jarvis N. Dunham,
Joseph M. Eaton,
Augustus B. Endicott,
George O. Fairbanks,
John H. Fisher,
William Frost,
George S. Gates,
Ziba Gay,
William B. Gibson,
Addison Gilbert,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,
Andrew J. Gove,
F. E. Gray,
Solomon E. Hallett,
Horace Haskins,

Messrs. Joshua P. Haskell,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Samuel M. Haynes,
T. M. House,
Benjamin Howard,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Edward J. Johnson,
Jonathan Johnson,
Erastus Jones,
Moses Kimball,
Henry D. Lay,
Daniel J. Lewis,
Willard Lewis,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Lewis Lombard,
Henry B. Lovering,
Lyman Mason,
David Mayhew,
Reuben Noble,
Edward O. Noyes,
Lysander J. Orcutt,
Charles S. Osgood,
William E. Perkins,
Willard P. Phillips,
Henry L. Pratt,
Joshua C. Robinson,
Charles Robinson, Jr.,

Messrs. Cyrus Savage,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
John Shaw,
Charles L. Shaw,
William L. Slade,
Albert Smith,
Moses Smith,
Rufus Smith,
Abraham H. Smith,

Messrs. Franklin H. Sprague,
Richard H. Stearns,
Ezra Stearns,
James G. Tarr,
Artemas S. Tyler,
Warren Tyler,
Leonard Washburn,
Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Simon H. White.

NAYS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
Charles Alden,
Andrew Athy,
Emory Banister,
Patrick Barry,
William G. Bassett,
John H. Bell,
Samuel P. Billings,
Dennis Bonner,
Reuben Boynton,
Stillman Butterworth,
Aaron O. Buxton,
Alonzo A. Carr,
James H. Carleton,
Cyrus W. Chapman,
Damon E. Cheney,
Francis E. Clark,
L. J. Cole,
Henry J. Couch,
J. W. Coveney,
George G. Crocker,
Francis C. Curtis,
John Cushing,
Thomas S. Cushman,
Curtis Davis,
I. W. Derby,
Edward Eaton,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
James E. Estabrook,
John B. Fairbanks,
C. C. Field,
Joseph E. Fiske,
Thomas Gates,
Asahel Gates,
Samuel S. Gleason,
Levi L. Goodspeed,
Elbridge H. Goss,
Brownell Granger,
Charles Hale,

Messrs. Gayton M. Hall,
Nahum B. Hall,
Abraham W. Harris,
John F. Haskins,
John B. Hill,
Joseph W. Hill,
David P. Howes,
James D. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
George W. Jones,
Eben Kimball,
William S. Knox,
Samuel O. Lamb,
Charles A. Loud,
Edward P. Loring,
Aaron Low,
Julius M. Lyon,
Albert Mason,
Horace H. Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
Albert Montague,
John B. Moore,
Avery W. Nelson,
Porter Nutting,
Richard Olney,
Albert Palmer,
Lawrence Reade,
J. A. Rich,
Philip H. Robinson,
William R. Roundy,
L. H. Sawin,
Warren Sibley,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
George D. Smalley,
Sumner Southworth,
George W. Taft,
Daniel H. Thurston,
T. W. Wellington,
Moses Williams, Jr.,

Messrs. Henry W. Wilson,
Samuel Winslow,

Messrs. Henry V. Woods,
George C. Wright.

Yeas, 72 ; nays, 82.

Pending the motion for the previous question, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Bishop of Newton, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, a resolve confirming the assignment from the Rockland Bank to Arad Moore of a certain mortgage. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Crocker of Boston asked leave to introduce a bill regulating the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors.

On motion of Mr. Boynton of Westborough, the yeas and nays were ordered on granting leave to introduce the bill.

Motions to postpone and to lay on the table were lost, and the roll being called, leave was granted by a vote of 92 yeas to 89 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
John Q. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
George Bartholmesz,
William G. Bassett,
John Bigelow,
Robert R. Bishop,
Samuel P. Billings,
Richard D. Blinn,
John C. Blood,
Dennis Bonner,
Stillman Butterworth,
Aaron O. Buxton,
James H. Carleton,
Charles R. Codman,
Austin H. Connell,
Henry J. Couch,
J. W. Coveney,
George G. Crocker,
John A. Cummings,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Curtis Davis,

Messrs. John Davol, Jr.,
I. W. Derby,
Jarvis N. Dunham,
Augustus B. Endicott,
James E. Estabrook,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
William Frost,
Thomas Gates,
Asahel Gates,
William B. Gibson,
Samuel S. Gleason,
Andrew J. Gove,
Brownell Granger,
Charles Hale,
Horace Haskins,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Samuel M. Haynes,
Benjamin Heath,
Joseph W. Hill,
James E. Hill,
George Hodges,

Messrs. Francis M. Hughes,
 Edward G. Hull,
 George W. Jones,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Thomas M. Judd,
 Jesse E. Keith,
 Elbridge G. Kelley,
 George P. Kingsley,
 Lucius W. Knight,
 William S. Knox,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Samuel Loring,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 John T. Manny,
 Edward McCleave,
 John J. McNutt,
 Joseph B. Morss,
 Reuben Noble,
 Porter Nutting,
 Richard Olney,
 Albert Palmer,
 James O. Parker,
 William E. Perkins,

Messrs. Smith R. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Henry L. Pratt,
 Lawrence Reade,
 J. A. G. Richardson,
 Nathaniel J. Rust,
 Cyrus Savage,
 John Savery,
 George A. Shaw,
 Charles L. Shaw,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 Albert Smith,
 Rufus Smith,
 Richard H. Stearns,
 Ezra Stearns,
 John H. Studley,
 Daniel J. Sweeney,
 George W. Taft,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Artemas S. Tyler,
 Moses Williams, Jr.,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Henry W. Wright.

YAYS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
 Charles Alden,
 Joseph E. Bailey,
 Emory Banister,
 John H. Bell,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 Stephen F. Blaney,
 William E. Blunt,
 Fred'k L. Bosworth,
 Samuel H. Boutwell,
 Reuben Boynton,
 Alonzo A. Carr,
 Cyrus W. Chapman,
 Damon E. Cheney,
 L. J. Cole,
 John Cushing,
 Thomas S. Cushman,
 Edward Eaton,
 Joseph M. Eaton,
 Lucian F. Eldridge,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 John B. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 Joseph E. Fiske,

Messrs. George S. Gates,
 Addison Gilbert,
 John J. Giles,
 Samuel S. Ginnodo,
 Levi L. Goodspeed,
 Elbridge H. Goss,
 Nahum B. Hall,
 Abraham W. Harris,
 John F. Haskins,
 John B. Hill,
 T. M. House,
 Benjamin Howard,
 John B. Hull,
 James D. Hurlbut,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Edward J. Johnson,
 Moses Kimball,
 Samuel O. Lamb,
 Henry D. Lay,
 Daniel J. Lewis,
 Lewis Lombard,
 Charles A. Loud,
 Edward P. Loring,
 Aaron Low,

Messrs. Julius M. Lyon,
Lyman Mason,
Horace H. Mayhew,
David Mayhew,
James L. Merritt,
Albert Montague,
John F. Moors,
Avery W. Nelson,
W. Stanley Newhall,
Edward O. Noyes,
Lysander J. Orcutt,
Charles S. Osgood,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
Charles L. Pratt,
J. A. Rich,
Joshua C. Robinson,
Philip H. Robinson,
Charles Robinson, Jr.,
William R. Roundy,
L. H. Sawin,

Messrs. Isaac F. Sawtelle,
John Shaw,
Warren Sibley,
William L. Slade,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Moses Smith,
Abraham H. Smith,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Sumner Southworth,
James G. Tarr,
Warren Tyler,
Leonard Washburn,
T. W. Wellington,
Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Simon H. White,
William Whiting,
Samuel Winslow,
Henry V. Woods,
George C. Wright.

Yeas, 92 ; nays, 89.

On motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence, the bill was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

In relation to structures in tide-waters ; and

Concerning practice in probate courts, and to relieve parties affected by unauthorized acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves passed.

Authorizing the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue ; and

In favor of Elihu S. Hawkes of Adams ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the bill regulating the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquor ought to pass. Mr. Loring of

Liquors.

Fitchburg dissented. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Old Colony
Bank.

By Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the same committee, on the petition of the Old Colony National Bank, a bill to revive the Old Colony Bank of Plymouth, for certain purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Railroad
branches.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches on the bill to authorize and regulate the building of branches and extensions by railroad corporations, reported that the bill ought to pass in the form submitted with the report. The report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Liquors.

Mr. Hill of Boston moved that when the House adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, at 10 o'clock A. M. Rejected.

Mr. Fiske of Needham moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House granted leave to introduce the bill regulating the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquor. Rejected.

Paper from the Senate.

Citizens' Gas-
Light Co.

A bill to incorporate the Citizens' Gas-Light Company of Boston, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

Lee and New
Haven R. R.

On motion of Mr. Judd of Lee, the bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company. On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of passing the bill to be enacted.

The roll being called, the bill was rejected by a vote of 87 yeas to 92 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
Charles Alden,
Andrew Athy,
William G. Bassett,
John H. Bell,
John Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
Samuel P. Billings,
Richard D. Blinn,
Dennis Bonner,
Samuel H. Boutwell,

Messrs. Aaron O. Buxton,
Damon E. Cheney,
Francis E. Clark,
L. J. Cole,
Jeremiah W. Coveney,
George G. Crocker,
John Cushing,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Curtis Davis,
John Davol, Jr.,

Messrs. I. W. Derby,
Jarvis N. Dunham,
Joseph M. Eaton,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
John B. Fairbanks,
John H. Fisher,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
Thomas Gates,
Asahel Gates,
William B. Gibson,
Andrew J. Gove,
Brownell Granger,
Gayton M. Hall,
Abraham W. Harris,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Benjamin Heath,
James E. Hill,
David P. Howes,
Edward G. Hull,
John B. Hull,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Jonathan Johnson,
George W. Jones,
Edward J. Jones,
Thomas M. Judd,
Jesse E. Keith,
George P. Kingsley,
Lucius W. Knight,
William S. Knox,
Samuel O. Lamb,
Lewis Lombard,
Charles A. Loud,
Samuel Loring,

Messrs. Henry B. Lovering,
Julius M. Lyon,
Albert Mason,
John J. McNutt,
James L. Merritt,
Albert Montague,
John F. Moors,
Joseph B. Morss,
W. Stanley Newhall,
Reuben Noble,
Edward O. Noyes,
Richard Olney,
Lysander J. Orcutt,
Albert Palmer,
Lawrence Reade,
Joshua C. Robinson,
Charles Robinson, Jr.,
Joseph W. Rogers,
William R. Roundy,
L. H. Sawin,
George A. Shaw,
John Shaw,
Henry P. Shattuck,
William L. Slade,
Rufus Smith,
Sumner Southworth,
Ezra Stearns,
Daniel J. Sweeney,
Daniel H. Thurston,
T. W. Wellington,
Robert R. Wiley,
Samuel Winslow.

AYS.

Messrs. John Q. Adams,
Emory Banister,
George Bartholmesz,
Robert R. Bishop,
Stephen F. Blaney,
John C. Blood,
William E. Blunt,
Frederick L. Bosworth,
Reuben Boynton,
William B. Brown,
James N. Buffum,
Stillman Butterworth,
Alonzo A. Carr,
James H. Carleton,
Cyrus W. Chapman,

Messrs. Albe C. Clark,
Charles R. Codman,
Henry J. Couch,
John A. Cummings,
Benjamin C. Currier,
Thomas S. Cushman,
Edward Eaton,
Augustus B. Endicott,
James E. Estabrook,
George O. Fairbanks,
C. C. Field,
Joseph E. Fiske,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Eustace C. Fitz,
William Frost,

Messrs. George S. Gates,
 Addison Gilbert,
 John J. Giles,
 Samuel S. Ginnodo,
 Levi L. Goodspeed,
 Elbridge H. Goss,
 Charles Hale,
 Nahum B. Hall,
 Horace Haskins,
 John F. Haskins,
 Joseph W. Hill,
 George Hodges,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Francis M. Hughes,
 James D. Hurlbut,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Erastus Jones,
 Elbridge G. Kelley,
 Moses Kimball,
 Henry D. Lay,
 Daniel J. Lewis,
 Willard Lewis,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Joseph C. Little,
 Edward P. Loring,
 Aaron Low,
 John T. Manny,
 Lyman Mason,
 Horace H. Mayhew,
 Edward McCleave,
 Avery W. Nelson,

Messrs. Charles S. Osgood,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 James O. Parker,
 William E. Perkins,
 Smith R. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Charles L. Pratt,
 Henry L. Pratt,
 John A. G. Richardson,
 J. A. Rich,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 Nathaniel J. Rust,
 Cyrus Savage,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 J. K. C. Sleeper,
 Albert Smith,
 Abraham H. Smith,
 George D. Smalley,
 Richard H. Stearns,
 John H. Studley,
 George W. Taft,
 James G. Tarr,
 Artemas S. Tyler,
 Warren Tyler,
 Leonard Washburn,
 Cyrus M. Wheaton,
 William Whiting,
 Moses Williams, Jr.,
 Henry W. Wright,
 George C. Wright.

Yeas, 87 ; nays, 92.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Wright of Great Barrington, was laid over until to-morrow, at the request of Mr. Knox of Lawrence :—

Lee and New
Haven R. R.

Ordered, That a committee of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to sit during the recess, with authority to visit the line of the Lee and New Haven Railroad, and to report to the next General Court what subscriptions have been made to build the said railroad, and what are the prospects of business upon the line of the said railroad ; and that the said committee have power to send for persons and papers.

*Orders of the Day.***Reports :**

Of the committee on the Tunnel Line of Railroads, inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of securing to the Commonwealth the franchise and title of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad by an amendment of the constitution ; and

Leave to withdraw on the petition of Edward Crane and associates, to be incorporated as the Atlantic and Ontario Railway Trust Company ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

For correspondence of insane and commission in lunacy ;
Concerning manufacturing and other corporations ; and
Relating to the industrial school at Lawrence ;
Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In relation to altering highways in the cities of Newton and Somerville ;

To prevent fraud at elections in cities ; and

To punish illegal voting, and to secure purity of elections ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to provide for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, was further considered.

Pending an amendment moved by Mr. Kimball of Boston, Mr. Blaney of Peabody moved that the bill be laid on the table. On this question the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston.

The roll being called, the motion to lay on the table was carried by a vote of 97 yeas to 67 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
John Q. Adams,
Charles Alden,
Joseph E. Bailey,
George Bartholmesz,
John H. Bell,
John Bigelow,
Robert R. Bishop,
Sanford W. Billings,

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney,
Richard D. Blinn,
John C. Blood,
William E. Blunt,
Enos W. Boise,
Dennis Bonner,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,
Samuel H. Boutwell,
William B. Brown,

Orders of the
day.

Messrs. James N. Buffum,
 Cyrus W. Chapman,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John A. Cummings,
 Benjamin C. Currier,
 John Davol, Jr.,
 Jarvis N. Dunham,
 Edward Eaton,
 Joseph M. Eaton,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 John H. Fisher,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 William Frost,
 George S. Gates,
 Samuel S. Ginnodo,
 Andrew J. Gove,
 Nahum B. Hall,
 Solomon E. Hallett,
 Horace Haskins,
 John F. Haskins,
 Joshua P. Haskell,
 Samuel M. Haynes,
 Allen Higginbottom,
 James E. Hill,
 George Hodges,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Francis M. Hughes,
 Edward G. Hull,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Edward J. Johnson,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Erastus Jones,
 Moses Kimball,
 Henry D. Lay,
 Daniel J. Lewis,
 Willard Lewis,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Aaron Low,
 Lyman Mason,

Messrs. David Mayhew,
 John J. McNutt,
 Joseph B. Morss,
 W. Stanley Newhall,
 Reuben Noble,
 Lysander J. Orcutt,
 Charles S. Osgood,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 William E. Perkins,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Henry L. Pratt,
 Lawrence Reade,
 Joshua C. Robinson,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 Charles Robinson, Jr.,
 Joseph W. Rogers,
 William R. Roundy,
 Nathaniel J. Rust,
 Cyrus Savage,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 George A. Shaw,
 Charles L. Shaw,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 William L. Slade,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Albert Smith,
 Rufus Smith,
 Abraham H. Smith,
 George D. Smalley,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Richard H. Stearns,
 Ezra Stearns,
 James G. Tarr,
 Artemus S. Tyler,
 Warren Tyler,
 Leonard Washburn,
 William Whiting,
 Henry V. Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. Andrew Athy,
 Emory Banister,
 Samuel P. Billings,
 Reuben Boynton,
 Stillman Butterworth,
 Aaron O. Buxton,
 Alonzo A. Carr,
 James H. Carleton,

Messrs. Damon E. Cheney,
 Albe C. Clark,
 Francis E. Clark,
 L. J. Cole,
 Henry J. Couch,
 John Cushing,
 Timothy J. Dacey,
 Curtis Davis,

Messrs. I. W. Derby,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
James E. Estabrook,
C. C. Field,
Joseph E. Fiske,
Eustace C. Fitz,
Thomas Gates,
Asahel Gates,
Addison Gilbert,
John J. Giles,
Samuel S. Gleason,
Levi L. Goodspeed,
Elbridge H. Goss,
Brownell Granger,
F. E. Gray,
Charles Hale,
Abraham W. Harris,
Joseph W. Hill,
David P. Howes,
James D. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Jesse E. Keith,
Elbridge G. Kelley,
Lucius W. Knight,
William S. Knox,
Samuel O. Lamb,

Messrs. Joseph C. Little,
Charles A. Loud,
Edward P. Loring,
John T. Manny,
Albert Mason,
Horace H. Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
Albert Montague,
John F. Moors,
Avery W. Nelson,
Richard Olney,
Albert Palmer,
James O. Parker,
J. A. G. Richardson,
J. A. Rich,
L. H. Sawin,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Sumner Southworth,
John H. Studley,
Daniel H. Thurston,
T. W. Wellington,
Moses Williams, Jr.,
Robert R. Wiley,
Samuel Winslow,
George C. Wright.

Yeas, 97 ; nays, 67.

The bill regulating elections in the city of Boston, was read and considered.

Pending the consideration of amendments moved by Messrs. Fitzgerald and Perkins of Boston, the orders of the day were laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon.

The same gentleman moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House accepted this morning the report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on the petition of William R. Mann and others, selectmen of Sharon, for authority to remove the remains from a certain burial ground in said town.

Pending the consideration of the motion, the House Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, June 17, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Reports of Committees.

State almshouse.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, that the resolve concerning sanitary improvements at the state almshouse ought to pass. The resolve was placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon for its second reading.

Commonwealth's flats.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to financial matters, a bill to amend chapter 320 of the acts of 1872, being an act relating to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor. Read and ordered to a second reading.

District court of E. Middlesex.

By Mr. Adams of Quincy, that the Senate bill to establish the first district court of eastern Middlesex ought to pass with certain amendments. The bill, with the amendments, was referred, in course, to the committee on Finance.

Lee and New Haven R. R.

Mr. Judd of Lee, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday rejected the bill concerning the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company, and called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The roll being called, the House refused to reconsider, by a vote of 66 yeas to 74 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
Charles Alden,
Patrick Barry,
William G. Bassett,
John Bigelow,
Sanford W. Billings,
Samuel P. Billings,
Richard D. Blinn,
Enos W. Boise,
Dennis Bonner,
Damon E. Cheney,
Patrick Collins,
L. J. Cole,
George G. Crocker,

Messrs. John Cushing,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Curtis Davis,
John Davol, Jr.,
I. W. Derby,
Jarvis N. Dunham,
Joseph M. Eaton,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
John B. Fairbanks,
John H. Fisher,
Thomas Gates,
Wm. B. Gibson,
Andrew J. Gove,

Messrs. Abraham W. Harris,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Benj. Heath,
David P. Howes,
Andrew Howes,
John B. Hull,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
George W. Jones,
Edward J. Jones,
Thomas M. Judd,
George P. Kingsley,
Lucius W. Knight,
Henry B. Lovering,
Horatio A. Lucas,
Julius M. Lyon,
James L. Merritt,
John B. Moore,
John F. Moors,
Joseph B. Morss,

Messrs. William H. Murray,
W. Stanley Newhall,
Richard Olney,
Lysander J. Orcutt,
Henry W. Phelps,
Lawrence Reade,
Joshua C. Robinson,
Joseph W. Rogers,
William R. Roundy,
Nathaniel Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
William L. Slade,
Rufus Smith,
Sumner Southworth,
Ezra Stearns,
Daniel J. Sweeney,
Timothy W. Wellington,
Robert R. Wiley,
Henry V. Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. John Q. Adams,
Emory Banister,
Robert R. Bishop,
Stephen F. Blaney,
John C. Blood,
William E. Blunt,
Frederick L. Bosworth,
Reuben Boynton,
Richard Britton,
William B. Brown,
James N. Buffum,
Stillman Butterworth,
Alonzo A. Carr,
James H. Carleton,
Albe C. Clark,
Charles R. Codman,
Henry J. Couch,
Ben. C. Currier,
Augustus B. Endicott,
George O. Fairbanks,
C. C. Field,
Joseph E. Fiske,
Eustace C. Fitz,
William Frost,
George S. Gates,
John J. Giles,
Elbridge H. Goss,
F. E. Gray,
Charles Hale,

Messrs. Nahum B. Hall,
Solomon E. Hallett,
Horace Haskins,
Allen Higginbottom,
Joseph W. Hill,
Geo. Hodges,
Benj. Howard,
Francis M. Hughes,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Erastus Jones,
Daniel J. Lewis,
Joseph C. Little,
Edward P. Loring,
Lyman Mason,
Horace H. Mayhew,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
Andrew M. Morton,
Avery W. Nelson,
Charles S. Osgood,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
James O. Parker,
William E. Perkins,
Willard P. Phillips,
Richard Pope,
Francis E. Porter,
Henry L. Pratt,
J. A. G. Richardson,
Philip H. Robinson,

Messrs. Nathaniel J. Rust,
Cyrus Savage,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Warren Sibley,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Joshua B. Smith,
Albert Smith,
Abraham H. Smith,

Messrs. Richard H. Stearns,
John H. Studley,
Warren Tyler,
Leonard Washburn,
Simon H. White,
William Whiting,
Moses Williams, Jr.,
Henry W. Wright.

Yeas, 66 ; nays, 74.

Bills passed.

An engrossed bill to authorize the First Congregational Society in Natick to sell certain real estate (which originated in the Senate), and an engrossed resolve in favor of the normal schools at Worcester, Bridgewater and Westfield (which originated in the House of Representatives), were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Finances.

The House bill in relation to payment of moneys into and from the treasury came down with an amendment, which was referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Essex—landing-places.

The report of the committee of conference that the Senate recede from its amendment to the bill to discontinue a portion of a public landing place in the town of Essex, and that another amendment should be adopted, was accepted in concurrence.

The following resolution concerning the eulogy of George William Curtis upon the life and character of Charles Sumner, was passed in concurrence :—

Chas. Sumner.

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Court are hereby tendered to George William Curtis for his able, eloquent and appreciative eulogy on our late senator Charles Sumner, delivered before the executive and legislative branches of this Commonwealth, at Music Hall in Boston, June ninth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and that a copy thereof be requested for publication.

Do.

A Senate order relative to the eulogy by the Honorable Carl Schurz on the life and public services of the Honorable Charles Sumner, referred by the Senate to the joint special committee on the subject of a eulogy before the legislative and executive branches, in which reference the

House non-concurred, came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its reference.

The House receded from its non-concurrence and concurred in the reference of the Senate.

The following order, adopted by the Senate and sent down for concurrence, was considered :—

Ordered, That the joint special committee appointed to Chas. Sumner. take suitable measures to provide for the delivery of an oration upon the life, character and public services of Charles Sumner, be directed to prepare a memorial volume, containing the proceedings in the legislature on the receipt of the intelligence of the decease of our late Senator, the account of the funeral and commemorative services, and a copy of the eulogy delivered by George William Curtis and the poem by John G. Whittier; and that five thousand copies of such memorial be printed for the use of the legislature.

Sundry amendments were adopted, and the order as amended was adopted in concurrence.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg subsequently moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the order was so adopted, and also of the vote whereby two of the amendments were adopted. The order was finally adopted with the following amendments: After the word "printed" in the last clause insert the words "and bound." At the end of the order add the following: "and that each member of the legislature, the clerk and chaplain of each branch, and the sergeant-at-arms be allowed ten copies each, and the other officers of the legislature, including the reporters to whom seats are allotted, and each city and town in the Commonwealth, one copy each, the residue to be distributed or otherwise disposed of according to the best discretion of said committee."

The 21st joint rule was suspended, and the order sent up for concurrence in the amendments and in the suspension of the rule.

The order concerning the appointment of a joint special committee to examine into the condition and prospects of the Lee and New Haven Railroad, laid over yesterday, was considered, and, with sundry amendments, adopted. Lee and New Haven R. R.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill to authorize Orders of the day.

and regulate the building of branches and extensions by railroad corporations, recommending that the two branches pass the bill in the form printed in House, No. 483, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to revive the Old Colony Bank of Plymouth, for certain purposes, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning manufacturing and other corporations, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill relating to the industrial school at Lawrence, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs on the petition of William R. Mann and others, was carried. On motion of the same gentleman, a message was sent to the Senate requesting a return of the papers in the case, Mr. Billings of Sharon being designated to convey the message to the Senate.

The bill regulating elections in the city of Boston, was further considered, pending which the House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Lee and New
Haven R. R.

Mr. Stearns of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House adopted the order relative to a special committee to report on the condition and prospects of the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company, which motion was, on motion of Mr. Buxton of Boston, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Judd of Lee, the motion was subsequently taken from the table and carried. Mr. Judd of Lee then moved to substitute therefor a resolve in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company. The motion was carried, and, under a suspension of rule 42, it was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston—elec-
tions.

On motion of Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, the bill regulating elections in the city of Boston, being the unfinished business of the morning session, was discharged from the orders of the day and further considered.

The amendment moved by Mr. Perkins of Boston was rejected. That offered by Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston was adopted, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the vote passing the bill to be engrossed, was reconsidered, and the same gentleman moved to amend by striking out the 14th and 17th sections of the bill; pending which, the bill was, on motion of Mr. Mason of Boston, recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Billings of Hatfield announced the death on Tuesday, June 16, of Mr. Edward Dickinson of Amherst, a member of the House. Edward Dickinson.

Mr. Bassett of Easthampton moved the following resolutions :—

Resolved, That the House has heard with deep emotion the tidings of the decease of a distinguished member, the Hon. Edward Dickinson of Amherst, the Representative of the Fourth District of Hampshire County.

Resolved, That the loss of one so long and so well known, so highly esteemed for his real worth and the nobility of his character, one who has been for nearly half a century distinguished in public life, repeatedly holding high offices in the state and national governments, and identified with one of our most prominent institutions of learning, known and honored by us for the virtues that marked the Christian gentleman, will be deeply felt by the whole community.

Resolved, That we tender the family of the deceased our deep sympathy in their great bereavement, and to the community in which he lived our condolence for its loss of an honest and faithful representative.

Resolved, That as a mark of respect for the services and character of the deceased, a committee be appointed to attend his funeral.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased, and that as a further mark of respect the House now adjourn.

The resolutions were seconded by Mr. Brown of Marblehead, and remarks were also made by Messrs. Lamb of Greenfield, Billings of Sharon and Hale of Boston.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Speaker appointed the following members of the House as the committee to attend the funeral of the deceased :—

Messrs. Billings of Hatfield, Bassett of Easthampton, Wellington of Worcester, Lamb of Greenfield, Noble of Westfield, Montague of Sunderland, Gates of Pelham, Brown of Marblehead, Billings of Sharon.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 18, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Paper from the Senate.

Chas. Sumner.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the eulogy on the life, character and public services of Charles Sumner, request of the Hon. Robert B. Elliott a copy of the eulogy delivered in Faneuil Hall, and have the same printed in the memorial volume provided for by the legislature.

Introduced on Leave.

Boston and
Chelsea.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, a bill to amend an act to unite the city of Chelsea to the city of Boston. Under suspension of the rules the bill took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Chas. A. Perry.

By Mr. Hurlbut of Bolton, a resolve in favor of Charles A. Perry. Read and referred to the committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

Boston—elec-
tions.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the Senate bill regulating elections in the city of Boston, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft, entitled "a bill to amend the charter of the city of Boston and to regulate elections in said city." Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

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A bill to amend chapter 320 of the acts of 1872, being "an act in relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston harbor"; and a

Resolve concerning sanitary improvements at the state almshouse ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

A bill to revive the Old Colony Bank of Plymouth for certain purposes, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill regulating the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquor, was read and considered.

Amendments were moved by Messrs. Hall of Upton, Fiske of Needham, Blunt of Haverhill and Billings of Sharon. A motion for the previous question was lost.

After discussion, the orders of the day were laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, and it was ordered that the vote on the above-mentioned bill be taken at half-past three this afternoon, unless sooner reached.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Hale of Boston gave notice that he should move certain amendments to the bill to incorporate the Citizens' Gas-Light Company, which were ordered to be printed. Citizens' Gas-Light Co.

Petition Presented.

By Mr. Seaver of Boston, the petition of Joseph Robbins and others, in favor of Jacob K. Lunt of Boston. Referred, under the rule, to the next General Court. Jacob K. Lunt.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, a resolve in favor of Albert Montague. Referred to the committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence. Albert Montague.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate bill to establish the first district court of eastern Middlesex ought to pass, with the amendments recommended by the committee on the Judiciary. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow. District court of E. Middlesex.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, that the House should concur in the Senate amendment to the bill in relation to the payment of moneys into and from Finances.

the treasury. The report was accepted and the amendment concurred in.

State house.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the resolves "providing for certain repairs and improvements of the state house," and "providing for painting the outside of the state house, and repairs and improvements in and around the same," ought to pass incorporated into one "resolve in relation to painting and repairs of the State House." Read and ordered to a second reading.

Paper from the Senate.

Hoosac Tunnel.

A bill to authorize the Governor and Council to expend a sum not exceeding \$300,000 in constructing archways in the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Liquors.

On motion of Mr. Olney of Boston, the unfinished business of the morning, being the bill regulating the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquor, was discharged from the orders of the day and further considered.

Additional amendments were moved by Messrs. Billings of Sharon, Montague of Sunderland, Parker of New Bedford and Buxton of Boston.

At half-past three, debate being closed in accordance with the vote of the House, the amendments moved by Mr. Fiske were withdrawn, and the other amendments were severally rejected.

On motion of Mr. Fiske of Needham, the yeas and nays were ordered on the main question, and the roll being called the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 109 yeas to 94 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
John Q. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
Patrick Barry,
George Bartholmesz,
William G. Bassett,
John Bigelow,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Richard D. Blinn,
John C. Blood,
Enos W. Boise,
Dennis Bonner,

Messrs. Stillman Butterworth,
Aaron O. Buxton,
Albe C. Clark,
Alfred A. Clatur,
Charles R. Codman,
Patrick Collins,
Austin H. Connell,
Henry J. Couch,
J. W. Coveney,
George G. Crocker,
John Cummings,
Ben. C. Currier,

Messrs. Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
 Timothy J. Dacey,
 John Davol, Jr.,
 I. W. Derby,
 Jarvis N. Dunham,
 Lucian F. Eldridge,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 James E. Estabrook,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 William Frost,
 Ziba Gay,
 Wm. B. Gibson,
 Samuel S. Gleason,
 Andrew J. Gove,
 Brownell Granger,
 Charles Hale,
 Gayton M. Hall,
 Horace Haskins,
 Joshua P. Haskell,
 Benj. F. Hayes,
 Sam'l M. Haynes,
 Benj. Heath,
 Allen Higginbottom,
 Joseph W. Hill,
 James E. Hill,
 Geo. Hodges,
 N. E. Hollis,
 Francis M. Hughes,
 Edward G. Hull,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Elbridge G. Kelley,
 Moses Kimball,
 Eben Kimball,
 George P. Kingsley,
 Lucius W. Knight,
 William S. Knox,
 Samuel O. Lamb,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Samuel Loring,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 Albert Mason,

Messrs. Edward McCleave,
 Daniel McCowan,
 John J. McNutt,
 John B. Moore,
 Joseph B. Morss,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 William H. Murray,
 W. Stanley Newhall,
 Reuben Noble,
 Porter Nutting,
 Richard Olney,
 Almon M. Orcutt,
 Charles S. Osgood,
 Albert Palmer,
 James O. Parker,
 William E. Perkins,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Richard Pope,
 Henry L. Pratt,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 Lawrence Read,
 John A. G. Richardson,
 Nathaniel J. Rust,
 Cyrus Savage,
 John Savery,
 Nathaniel Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Albert Smith,
 Rufus Smith,
 Richard H. Stearns,
 Ezra Stearns,
 John H. Studley,
 Daniel J. Sweeney,
 George W. Taft,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Artemas S. Tyler,
 Warren Tyler,
 Moses Williams, Jr.,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Henry W. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
 Charles Alden,
 Joseph E. Bailey,
 Emory Banister,
 John H. Bell,

Messrs. Robert R. Bishop,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 William E. Blunt,
 Fred'k L. Bosworth,
 Samuel H. Boutwell,

Messrs. Reuben Boynton,
 S. W. Brayton,
 Richard Britton,
 William B. Brown,
 James N. Buffum,
 Cyrus W. Chapman,
 Damon E. Cheney,
 L. J. Cole,
 Francis C. Curtis,
 John Cushing,
 Thomas S. Cushman,
 Edward Eaton,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 John B. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 Joseph E. Fiske,
 Eustace C. Fitz,
 George S. Gates,
 Addison Gilbert,
 John J. Giles,
 Sam'l S. Ginnodo,
 Levi L. Goodspeed,
 Elbridge H. Goss,
 Nahum B. Hall,
 Solomon E. Hallett,
 Abraham W. Harris,
 John F. Haskins,
 John B. Hill,
 T. M. House,
 Benj. Howard,
 David P. Howes,
 Andrew Howes,
 John B. Hull,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Erastus Jones,
 Charles H. Killam,
 Henry D. Lay,
 Daniel J. Lewis,
 Willard Lewis,
 Lewis Lombard,

Messrs. Charles A. Loud,
 Edward P. Loring,
 Aaron Low,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 Julius M. Lyon,
 Lyman Mason,
 Horace H. Mayhew,
 David Mayhew,
 John F. Moors,
 Avery W. Nelson,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Lysander J. Orcutt,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Charles L. Pratt,
 D. Franklin Reed,
 J. A. Rich,
 Joshua C. Robinson,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 Charles Robinson, Jr.,
 Joseph W. Rogers,
 William R. Roundy,
 George J. Sanger,
 L. H. Sawin,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 John Shaw,
 Henry Shortle,
 William L. Slade,
 J. K. C. Sleeper,
 Moses Smith,
 Abraham H. Smith,
 George D. Smalley,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Sumner Southworth,
 James G. Tarr,
 Leonard Washburn,
 Cyrus M. Wheaton,
 Simon H. White,
 William Whiting,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Henry V. Woods,
 George C. Wright.

Yeas, 109 ; nays, 94.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To establish district courts in the county of Plymouth ;
 Concerning manufacturing and other corporations ; and
 Relating to the Massachusetts School Fund ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The bill for correspondence of insane and commission in lunacy was read, and, on motion of Mr. Tyler of North Brookfield, was indefinitely postponed. Orders of the day.

The bills :

To authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for temporary relief of the poor ; and

To incorporate the Citizens' Gas-Light Company, were postponed until to-morrow.

The resolve in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company was read and considered. Pending amendments moved by Mr. Phillips of Salem, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston.

The bill to amend the charter of the city of Boston and to regulate elections in said city was read and considered. An amendment moved by Mr. Sprague of Framingham was adopted. The previous question was ordered on motion of Mr. Jones of Boston, and pending the question of ordering the bill to a third reading, the House

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, June 19, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

A petition of Chauncey Barnes for the use of the Representatives' Hall for a temperance meeting, presented by Mr. Fiske of Needham, was, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, indefinitely postponed. Representatives' Chamber.

A message was received from the Senate, returning, at the request of the House, the report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs on the petition of William R. Mann and others of Sharon, which had been accepted by the House and sent up for concurrence. Sharon—burial-ground.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the report was laid on the table.

Reports of Committees.

Williamstown
and Hancock
R. R.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, leave to withdraw on the petition of B. F. Mills of Williamstown for extension of time to locate the Williamstown and Hancock Railroad.

On motion of the same gentleman the rules were suspended, the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Holyoke and
Belchertown
R. R.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the bill to extend the time to locate and construct the Holyoke and Belchertown Railroad ought not to pass.

The rule was suspended and the bill was rejected, as recommended by the committee.

Hoosac Tunnel.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the bill to authorize the Governor and Council to expend a sum not exceeding \$300,000 in constructing archways in the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes, ought to pass.

Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading this afternoon.

Sharon and
Walpole.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of F. W. Bird for an amendment of the act of the present year setting off a portion of the town of Sharon to the town of Walpole, and that the same be referred to the committee on Towns.

Under a suspension of the rule the report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the petition was referred to the committee on Towns and sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Lunatics.

Mr. Hill of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday indefinitely postponed the Senate "bill for correspondence of insane and a commission of lunacy." The motion was carried, and after discussion, the previous question was ordered, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

Anderson
School of
Natural His-
tory.

The report of the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches on the bill to incorporate the Anderson School of Natural History, that the committee were unable to agree, and asking to be dis-

charged from further consideration of the subject, was accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, a new committee was asked for, and Messrs. Loring of Fitchburg, Parker of New Bedford and Sleeper of Malden were appointed on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Crocker of Boston, the bill regulating ^{Liquors.} the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquor was discharged from the orders of the day. The bill was read and considered. An amendment moved by Mr. Loring of Fitchburg was adopted. On motion of Mr. Boynton of Westborough the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed by a vote of 100 yeas to 85 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
John Q. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
George Bartholmesz,
John Bigelow,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Richard D. Blinn,
John C. Blood,
Enos W. Boise,
Dennis Bonner,
Aaron O. Buxton,
James H. Carleton,
Charles R. Codman,
Patrick Collins,
Austin H. Connell,
Henry J. Couch,
Jeremiah W. Coveney,
George G. Crocker,
John Cummings,
Benjamin C. Currier,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Curtis Davis,
Henry C. Davis,
John Davol, Jr.,
I. W. Derby,
Augustus B. Endicott,
James E. Estabrook,
John E. Fitzgerald,
William Frost,
Thomas Gates,
Ziba Gay,

Messrs. Wm. B. Gibson,
Andrew J. Gove,
F. E. Gray,
Charles Hale,
Gayton M. Hall,
Horace Haskins,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Samuel M. Haynes,
Benj. Heath,
Allen Higginbottom,
Joseph W. Hill,
James E. Hill,
George Hodges,
N. E. Hollis,
Francis M. Hughes,
Edward G. Hull,
Jonathan Johnson,
George W. Jones,
Edward J. Jones,
Jesse E. Keith,
Elbridge G. Kelley,
Moses Kimball,
George P. Kingsley,
William S. Knox,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Joseph C. Little,
Samuel Loring,
Henry B. Lovering,
Albert Mason,
Edward McCleave,
Daniel McCowan,

Messrs. John B. Moore,
 Joseph B. Morss,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 William H. Murray,
 W. Stanley Newhall,
 Richard Olney,
 Almon M. Orcutt,
 Charles S. Osgood,
 Albert Palmer,
 James O. Parker,
 William E. Perkins,
 Smith R. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Richard Pope,
 Henry L. Pratt,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 Lawrence Reade,
 John A. G. Richardson,

Messrs. John W. Rice,
 Cyrus Savage,
 John Savery,
 Nathaniel Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 Charles L. Shaw,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 Albert Smith,
 Richard H. Stearns,
 Ezra Stearns,
 Isaac Stebbins,
 John H. Studley,
 George W. Taft,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Artemas S. Tyler,
 Moses Williams, Jr.,
 Henry W. Wilson,
 Henry W. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
 Charles Alden,
 Joseph E. Bailey,
 Emory Banister,
 John H. Bell,
 William E. Blunt,
 Frederick L. Bosworth,
 Samuel H. Boutwell,
 Reuben Boynton,
 James N. Buffum,
 Alonzo A. Carr,
 Cyrus W. Chapman,
 Damon E. Cheney,
 Francis E. Clark,
 L. J. Cole,
 Francis C. Curtis,
 John Cushing,
 Thomas S. Cushman,
 Edward Eaton,
 Joseph M. Eaton,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 John B. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 Joseph E. Fiske,
 George S. Gates,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Samuel S. Ginnodo,
 Levi L. Goodspeed,
 Elbridge H. Goss,

Messrs. Nahum B. Hall,
 Solomon E. Hallett,
 Abraham W. Harris,
 John F. Haskins,
 John B. Hill,
 T. M. House,
 Benjamin Howard,
 David P. Howes,
 James D. Hurlbut,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Erastus Jones,
 Charles H. Killam,
 Henry D. Lay,
 Daniel J. Lewis,
 Willard Lewis,
 Lewis Lombard,
 Edward P. Loring,
 Aaron Low,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 Julius M. Lyon,
 Lyman Mason,
 Horace H. Mayhew,
 David Mayhew,
 James L. Merritt,
 John F. Moors,
 Avery W. Nelson,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Lysander J. Orcutt,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,

Messrs. Francis E. Porter,
 Charles L. Pratt,
 J. A. Rich,
 Joshua C. Robinson,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 William R. Roundy,
 George J. Sanger,
 L. H. Sawin,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 John Shaw,
 Warren Sibley,
 William L. Slade,
 J. K. C. Sleeper,

Messrs. Abraham H. Smith,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Sumner Southworth,
 James G. Tarr,
 Warren Tyler,
 Leonard Washburn,
 Cyrus M. Wheaton,
 Simon H. White,
 William Whiting,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Henry V. Woods,
 George C. Wright.

Yeas, 100; nays, 85.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Veto Message.

A message was received from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, returning, with his objections thereto, the "bill to establish a state detective force." State detectives.

The message, which was as follows, was read:—

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, June 19, 1874.

To the House of Representatives:

In returning to the Senate without my approval, on the second instant, the act "To enable the Governor of the Commonwealth to preserve the Public Peace and enforce the Laws," I pointed out what seemed to me certain serious objections of a secondary character. The bill originating in the House of Representatives, entitled "An Act to establish a State Detective Force," obviates some of the objections then noted, in that it makes provision for closing up the business now in the hands of the state police, for the disposition of property seized and held by that force under legal process, and for the care and custody of records and other property of the Commonwealth in the possession of the constabulary. It also explicitly recognizes the necessity of a trained police force, independent of local influences and restraints, subordinate only to a central and responsible head, subject to the control of the Executive, and clothed with authority to preserve the peace and execute the laws in all parts of the Commonwealth.

So many of its provisions substantially accord with my own views, that I have earnestly sought to approve the bill "To establish a State Detective Force." But, on very careful consideration, it fails to commend itself to my judgment, nor can I gather that it meets the sanction of the great body of our thoughtful and law-abiding citizens. It therefore becomes my duty to return it to your honorable body without executive sanction. In so doing, I deem it unnecessary to repeat the reasons, given in my recent message to the Senate, for thinking some form of state police a valuable and highly important coördinate of the Executive. The measure before me virtually acknowledges the pertinency and soundness of those opinions, and I shall but briefly indicate the reasons why I am compelled to refrain from giving it my signature.

It repeals the act of 1871 establishing the large and well-organized state police force, and provides in its place for the appointment of thirty-one officers, to be called state detectives. The scope of the bill is to give these officers duties of a twofold character: first, they are to have and exercise all the common law and statutory powers of constables, except the service of civil process, and also all the powers given to police or watchmen by the statutes of the Commonwealth; and, second, they are to aid the attorney-general, district attorneys, and magistrates, in procuring evidence for the detection of crime, and in the pursuit of criminals.

While these two kinds of duty are, of necessity, sometimes imposed upon the same officers, it has been found essential in the practical working of all police organizations, substantially to separate them, and give to one part of the force all those duties primarily related to the preservation of the peace and the protection of society from what the laws broadly designate as minor offences, and to another part the more delicate and responsible duty of tracking graver criminals and obtaining evidence necessary to establish artfully planned crime. For whichever duty the Executive might wish to employ the state detective force, the number authorized by this bill seems to be an unfortunate one. For detective service only it is larger than it need be. Though the more open and gross forms of crime, such as the local police and constabulary commonly deal with, are painfully frequent among us, fortunately the more cunning and skilfully concealed forms are still so infrequent that the Commonwealth does not

require the service of as many special detectives as this bill provides. But if, in the discretion allowed the Governor and Council, a smaller number be appointed, this agency would then be of little or no avail for the preservation of the peace. And if the force created by the act is to labor in both the fields of duty contemplated by the second section, the whole number authorized would be quite too few for such efficient service as the people have a right to demand and expect.

When the state constabulary was established by the act of nine years ago, a force of thirty-four men was authorized, and the experience of every Executive since then proves that this number was insufficient for the required duty. The service necessary at any one of the large gatherings in our rural neighborhoods during the holiday season, often demands the presence of as large a body of officers as this bill provides, and it frequently happens that a considerable number are simultaneously called for from several different points in the State. It would be utterly impossible to meet the urgent wishes of the people in this regard with the force that might be appointed under the present bill. To be sure, the tenth section provides that it shall be the duty of the local police and constabulary to aid the detective force in the discharge of their duties whenever seasonably notified and called upon for that purpose; but as no power is given to enforce this duty, nor any penalty provided in case such aid should be refused, the section cannot be relied upon as furnishing a means through which the state force may be strengthened or rendered more efficient.

I am not aware that there is any general demand for the abolition of the present state police on the part of my fellow-citizens who respect the laws upon our statute books and wish to see them enforced. So far as their voice reaches me it is for the elevation and improvement of the force. That there may be inefficient or corrupt men in it, while a thing to be deplored and rectified as fast as possible, is no more than can be said of every police in the civilized world. Because many kinds of vice flaunt unblushingly and unpunished in our large cities, and officers are occasionally found derelict or corrupt, would it be considered wise to abolish municipal police altogether, and trust the safety and security of these communities to the old-fashioned constabulary, annually elected at the ballot-box? Because we cannot enforce our criminal laws

with omniscient impartiality against all offenders, shall we cease to enforce them as best we can with the agencies at our command?

Organization, system, independence of popular control as far as possible, and numbers sufficient to insure respect and command order, are the recognized necessities of modern police, whether local or state. Conscious and conscientious responsibility in the head of the department, and vigilant but considerate watchfulness on the part of the citizens, will give us the best attainable police. I believe the present state force is steadily improving in faithfulness, integrity and efficiency. I am satisfied that it is the determination of the commissioners and the chief to rid it as rapidly as possible of corrupt and inefficient members, and to seek by its aid a uniform and consistent enforcement of all laws and a faithful discharge of all duties intrusted to and imposed upon it. So far as lies in the power of the Executive, I stand pledged to this course, both by my oath of office and by the convictions of my deliberate judgment.

The provision in the act under consideration for the disposition of property seized and now held by the state police, seems to me open to a somewhat serious objection. By the terms of section thirteen, all such property is to be delivered to the respective sheriffs of the counties in which it was seized, and they or their deputies are to complete all proceedings in relation thereto. Changes of this sort pending any civil process are to be deplored. If, however, they unavoidably occur, would it not be better to transfer the property in question to hands as closely allied and as nearly in sympathy with the original authority as possible? In my judgment, the claims of the law to this property would stand a better chance to be actively and efficiently promoted by its delivery to the force representing the same general, systematic, disinterested power, free from all local influences and complications, as that by which process against it was begun.

Because, therefore, I think this latter provision likely to result in serious detriment to the State in cases where prosecution of offences against the laws has already commenced; because I believe there is little demand for the abolition of the state police, except from a class whose interests and occupations are, through its agency, brought into a position of conflict with the laws; but chiefly because I believe that the number of officers proposed to be

substituted for the present constabulary will be wholly inadequate for the service which it is both the prerogative and the duty of the Executive to render, and because by reason of such inadequacy the safety and peace of all good citizens will be endangered, I withhold my approval of this bill and return it to the House for further consideration.

THOMAS TALBOT.

The question being put, "Shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor?" and the roll being called, the House refused to pass the bill, two-thirds not voting in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. John Q. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
Joseph E. Bailey,
Emory Banister,
George Bartholmesz,
John H. Bell,
John Bigelow,
Robert R. Bishop,
Stephen F. Blaney,
John C. Blood,
William E. Blunt,
Dennis Bonner,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,
Stillman Butterworth,
Aaron O. Buxton,
James H. Carleton,
Charles R. Codman,
Patrick Collins,
Austin H. Connell,
Henry J. Couch,
George G. Crocker,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Curtis Davis,
Henry C. Davis,
John Davol, Jr.,
I. W. Derby,
Augustus B. Endicott,
James E. Estabrook,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
William Frost,

Messrs. William B. Gibson,
Andrew J. Gove,
Brownell Granger,
F. E. Gray,
Horace Haskins,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Samuel M. Haynes,
Allen Higginbottom,
Joseph W. Hill,
James E. Hill,
George Hodges,
Francis M. Hughes,
Edward G. Hull,
Jonathan Johnson,
George W. Jones,
Edward J. Jones,
Elbridge G. Kelley,
Moses Kimball,
Eben Kimball,
George P. Kingsley,
William S. Knox,
Joseph C. Little,
Samuel Loring,
Henry B. Lovering,
Albert Mason,
Edward McCleave,
Daniel McCowan,
John J. McNutt,
Andrew M. Morton,
William H. Murray,
W. Stanley Newhall,

Messrs. Porter Nutting,
 Richard Olney,
 Almon M. Orcutt,
 Charles S. Osgood,
 Albert Palmer,
 James O. Parker,
 William E. Perkins,
 Smith R. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Charles L. Pratt,
 Henry L. Pratt,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 Lawrence Reade,
 J. A. G. Richardson,
 John W. Rice,
 Nathaniel J. Rust,
 Cyrus Savage,
 John Savery,

Messrs. Nathaniel Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 Charles L. Shaw,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Albert Smith,
 Richard H. Stearns,
 Ezra Stearns,
 Isaac Stebbins,
 John H. Studley,
 George W. Taft,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Artemas S. Tyler,
 Moses Williams, Jr.,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Henry W. Wilson,
 Henry W. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
 Samuel H. Boutwell,
 Reuben Boynton,
 James N. Buffum,
 Alonzo A. Carr,
 Cyrus W. Chapman,
 Damon E. Cheney,
 Albe C. Clark,
 Francis E. Clark,
 L. J. Cole,
 Benjamin C. Currier,
 Francis C. Curtis,
 John Cushing,
 Thomas S. Cushman,
 Edward Eaton,
 Joseph M. Eaton,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 Joseph E. Fiske,
 George S. Gates,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Levi L. Goodspeed,
 Elbridge H. Goss,
 Nahum B. Hall,
 Solomon E. Hallett,
 John B. Hill,
 T. M. House,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Richardson Hutchinson,

Messrs. Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Charles H. Killam,
 Henry D. Lay,
 Daniel J. Lewis,
 Willard Lewis,
 Charles A. Loud,
 Edward P. Loring,
 Aaron Low,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 Julius M. Lyon,
 Lyman Mason,
 Horace H. Mayhew,
 David Mayhew,
 James L. Merritt,
 John F. Moors,
 Avery W. Nelson,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Lysander J. Orcutt,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 Francis E. Porter,
 J. A. Rich,
 Joshua C. Robinson,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 William R. Roundy,
 George J. Sanger,
 L. H. Sawin,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 John Shaw,
 Henry Shortle,
 Warren Sibley,

Messrs. William L. Slade,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Moses Smith,
Abraham H. Smith,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Sumner Southworth,
James G. Tarr,

Messrs. Leonard Washburn,
Cyrus M. Wheaton,
William Whiting,
Samuel Winslow,
Henry V. Woods,
George C. Wright.

Yeas, 99 ; nays, 73.

Mr. Kelley of Newburyport asked leave to introduce a ^{Liquors.} bill concerning the sale and use of spirituous and fermented liquors ; the abatement of liquor nuisances ; and the care and cure of inebriates," being the bill recommended by him as a minority of the committee on the Liquor Law, and printed in Senate Doc., No. 169. The same gentleman gave notice that if leave was granted, he should move its reference to the next General Court.

The House refused leave to introduce the bill.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

Orders of the day.

To amend the charter of the city of Boston and to regulate elections in said city ;

To authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for temporary relief of the poor ;

To establish the first district court of eastern Middlesex (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary) ; and a

Resolve in relation to painting and repairs of the State House ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

A bill to amend chapter 320 of the Acts of 1872, in relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston harbor (amended in the title) ; and a

Resolve concerning sanitary improvements at the state almshouse ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate the Citizens' Gas-Light Company, was considered. Mr. Perkins of Boston moved to amend by substituting the bill printed in House Doc., No. 488. Mr. Granger of Boston moved the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Pending these questions the orders of the day were laid on the table on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston.

The same gentleman asked leave to introduce a bill to abolish the police commissioners.

Pending the question of granting leave, the House Adjourned.

SATURDAY, June 20, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Codman of Boston in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Paper from the Senate.

Damages by
railroads.

The House bill relating to applications for damages to private ways by railroads, came down with a Senate amendment, in which the House concurred.

Police commis-
sioners.

The request of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston for leave to introduce a bill to abolish the police commissioners was considered.

Mr. Fiske of Needham moved to postpone the question until July 15. Mr. Adams of Quincy called for the yeas and nays on the question of postponement, which were ordered. The roll being called, the motion was lost by a vote of 55 yeas to 65 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Joseph E. Bailey,
Sanford W. Billings,
Reuben Boynton,
James N. Buffum,
Cyrus W. Chapman,
Damon E. Cheney,
Francis E. Clark,
L. J. Cole,
John Cushing,
Edward Eaton,
Joseph M. Eaton,
George O. Fairbanks,
John B. Fairbanks,
John H. Fisher,
Joseph E. Fiske,
Eustace C. Fitz,

Messrs. William Frost,
George S. Gates,
Addison Gilbert,
Sam'l S. Ginnodo,
Solomon E. Hallett,
Abraham W. Harris,
John F. Haskins,
John B. Hill,
T. M. House,
Benj. Howard,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Edward J. Johnson,
Charles H. Killam,
Henry D. Lay,
Daniel J. Lewis,

Messrs. Willard Lewis,
Edward P. Loring,
Aaron Low,
Horatio A. Lucas,
Julius M. Lyon,
Lyman Mason,
David Mayhew,
James L. Merritt,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
Francis E. Porter,
Philip H. Robinson,
William R. Roundy,

Messrs. Isaac F. Sawtelle,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Moses Smith,
Abraham H. Smith,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Sumner Southworth,
James G. Tarr,
Leonard Washburn,
Samuel Winslow,
Henry V. Woods,
George C. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
John Q. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
Emory Banister,
Patrick Barry,
George Bartholmesz,
John Bigelow,
Robert R. Bishop,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Richard D. Blinn,
John C. Blood,
William E. Blunt,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,
Richard Britton,
Stillman Butterworth,
Aaron O. Buxton,
James H. Carleton,
Patrick Collins,
Jeremiah W. Coveney,
George G. Crocker,
Ben. C. Currier,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Thomas S. Cushman,
Timothy J. Dacey,
James E. Estabrook,
John E. Fitzgerald,
Thomas Gates,
Wm. B. Gibson,
Brownell Granger,
Charles Hale,
Horace Haskins,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Benj. F. Hayes,

Messrs. Samuel M. Haynes,
Benj. Heath,
Joseph W. Hill,
David P. Howes,
Edward J. Jones,
Moses Kimball,
George P. Kingsley,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Henry B. Lovering,
John J. McNutt,
Joseph B. Morss,
W. Stanley Newhall,
Edward O. Noyes,
Richard Olney,
Charles S. Osgood,
James O. Parker,
William E. Perkins,
Willard P. Phillips,
Charles L. Pratt,
Henry L. Pratt,
Lawrence Reade,
John A. G. Richardson,
John W. Rice,
Nathaniel J. Rust,
Cyrus Savage,
George A. Shaw,
Henry P. Shattuck,
Joshua B. Smith,
Ezra Stearns,
John H. Studley,
Daniel H. Thurston,
Robert R. Wiley.

Yeas, 55 ; nays, 65.

On the question of granting leave to introduce the bill, the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham, and, the roll being called, leave was granted by a vote of 68 yeas to 62 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Messrs. Samuel M. Haynes,
John Q. Adams,	Benj. Heath,
Andrew Athy,	Joseph W. Hill,
Emory Banister,	David P. Howes,
Patrick Barry,	Edward J. Jones,
George Bartholmesz,	Moses Kimball,
John Bigelow,	George P. Kingsley,
Robert R. Bishop,	Frederic W. Lincoln,
Stephen F. Blaney,	Henry B. Lovering,
Richard D. Blinn,	John J. McNutt,
John C. Blood,	Joseph B. Morss,
William E. Blunt,	W. Stanley Newhall,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Richard Olney,
Richard Britton,	Charles S. Osgood,
Stillman Butterworth,	Albert Palmer,
Aaron O. Buxton,	James O. Parker,
James H. Carleton,	William E. Perkins,
Patrick Collins,	Willard P. Phillips,
J. W. Coveney,	Charles L. Pratt,
George G. Crocker,	Henry L. Pratt,
Ben. C. Currier,	Lawrence Reade,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	J. A. G. Richardson,
Timothy J. Dacey,	John W. Rice,
I. W. Derby,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
James E. Estabrook,	Cyrus Savage,
John E. Fitzgerald,	George A. Shaw,
Thomas Gates,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Wm. B. Gibson,	Joshua B. Smith,
Sam'l S. Gleason,	Ezra Stearns,
Brownell Granger,	John H. Studley,
Charles Hale,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Horace Haskins,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Joshua P. Haskell,	Robert R. Wiley,
Benj. F. Hayes,	Henry W. Wilson.

NAYS.

Messrs. Joseph E. Bailey,	Messrs. Francis E. Clark,
Sanford W. Billings,	L. J. Cole,
Reuben Boynton,	John Cushing,
James N. Buffum,	Thomas S. Cushman,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Edward Eaton,
Damon E. Cheney,	Joseph M. Eaton,
Albe C. Clark,	John B. Fairbanks,

Messrs. John H. Fisher,
Joseph E. Fiske,
Eustace C. Fitz,
William Frost,
George S. Gates,
Addison Gilbert,
Sam'l S. Ginnodo,
Solomon E. Hallett,
Abraham W. Harris,
John F. Haskins,
John B. Hill,
T. M. House,
Benjamin Howard,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Edward J. Johnson,
Erastus Jones,
Charles H. Killam,
Henry D. Lay,
Daniel J. Lewis,
Willard Lewis,
Edward P. Loring,
Aaron Low,
Horatio A. Lucas,

Messrs. Julius M. Lyon,
Lyman Mason,
David Mayhew,
James L. Merritt,
Avery W. Nelson,
Edward O. Noyes,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
Francis E. Porter,
D. Franklin Reed,
Philip H. Robinson,
William R. Roundy,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Henry Shortle,
Warren Sibley,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Moses Smith,
Abraham H. Smith,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Sumner Southworth,
James G. Tarr,
Leonard Washburn,
Samuel Winslow,
Henry V. Woods,
George C. Wright.

Yeas, 68 ; nays, 62.

The bill was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Court officials.
Finance, on orders of the House instructing the committee
to inquire into the accountability of certain officers, etc.,
adopted February 20 and May 5, 1874 :—

Bills :

To secure a better accountability on the part of certain
public officers, and for other purposes ; and

To establish county auditors, and for other purposes.

By Mr. Wilson of Boston, from the committee on Water Barre Falls
Reservoir Co.
Supply and Drainage, that the Senate bill to incorporate
the Barre Falls Reservoir Company ought to pass in a new
draft.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second
reading.

Orders of the Day.

The bill to authorize the Governor and Council to expend Orders of the
day.
a sum not exceeding \$300,000 in constructing archways in

the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, and ordered to a third reading as amended.

The bill to authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for temporary relief of the poor, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to provide for the organization of a line of railroads westwardly from Boston through the Hoosac Tunnel, in pursuance of existing laws and contracts; and the

Resolve in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company, were postponed until Tuesday next, on motions of Messrs. Osgood and Phillips of Salem, respectively.

The bill to incorporate the Citizens' Gas-Light Company was considered.

The bill moved as an amendment by Mr. Perkins of Boston was substituted, and, under rule 60, was placed in the orders of the day for Monday for further consideration.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, June 22, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Divorce.

Concerning divorces ;

Fall River.

To authorize the city of Fall River to fund its floating debt ; and

District court of E. Norfolk.

To establish the salaries of the justice and clerk of the district court of East Norfolk ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Census.

A bill to provide for taking the industrial statistics and decennial census of the Commonwealth, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills :

Industrial School.
Boston Safe Deposit Co.

Relating to the Industrial School at Lawrence ; and

To amend an act to incorporate the Boston Safe Deposit Company ;

Severally came down with sundry Senate amendments, in which the House concurred.

The report of the committee of conference on the differences between the two branches upon the House bill "concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes," was read and accepted in concurrence. Associations.

The report of the joint special committee to provide for the delivery of a eulogy on the life, character and public services of Charles Sumner, upon the order relative to the eulogy by Hon. Carl Schurz, was accepted in concurrence, and the order was adopted in concurrence, as follows:— Chas. Sumner.

Ordered, That the joint special committee appointed to take suitable measures to provide for the delivery of an oration upon the life and character of Charles Sumner, request of Honorable Carl Schurz a copy of the eulogy pronounced by him before the authorities of the city of Boston, and have the same printed in the memorial volume provided for by the legislature.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, that an order relative to creating a joint special committee to investigate the whole system of the inferior courts of the Commonwealth be referred to the next General Court. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Courts.

By Mr. Perkins of Boston, that the bill to amend an act in addition to an act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out a public street or way across South Bay ought to pass in a new draft. Boston—South Bay.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the bill to abolish the police commission ought to pass in a new draft. Police commission.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate bill "to authorize the city of Fall River to fund its floating debt" ought to pass with an amendment. Fall River.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the rules were suspended, the amendment was adopted, the bill took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

By Mr. Clark of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the Senate bill to provide for the trans- Suffolk probate office.

action of official business in the probate office of Suffolk County ought to pass.

Placed in the orders of the day for its second reading to-morrow.

District court of
E. Norfolk.

By Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate bill to establish the salaries of the justice and clerk of the district court of East Norfolk ought to pass.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the rule requiring the bill to be referred to the committee on Finance was suspended, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for its second reading to-morrow.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

In relation to trustees ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

To authorize and regulate the building of branches and extensions by railroad corporations ;

To discontinue a portion of a public landing-place in the town of Essex ;

To amend an act to unite the city of Chelsea with the city of Boston ;

To punish illegal voting and to secure purity of elections ;

To incorporate the Wachusett Mountain Company ;

To amend section 19 of chapter 63 of the General Statutes, relating to the taking of lands by railroad corporations ; and

In relation to altering highways in the cities of Newton and Somerville ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves :

Concerning the stock owned by the Commonwealth in the New York and New England Railroad Company ; and

In relation to the Norwich and Worcester Railroad sinking fund ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Boston—gas.

A motion of Mr. Bailey of Georgetown to reconsider the vote whereby the House on Saturday substituted for

the bill to incorporate the Citizens' Gas-Light Company of Boston a "bill in relation to the erection and maintenance of gas-works in the city of Boston" was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Cummings of Woburn,—

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to Court officers. inquire and report whether any further action should be taken by the legislature under the order of the House of February 20th, 1874, directing the committee on Finance to inquire whether certain county officers have duly accounted for all public moneys coming into their hands.

And whether any further action should be taken upon the report of said committee on Finance, made to the House June 20th, 1874, with a view to compel delinquent officers, if any there be, to pay into the treasuries of the respective counties all moneys unlawfully withheld by such officers.

And whether any county officers have been guilty of such malfeasance in office as will warrant the taking of measures for their impeachment or removal from office. Said committee to have power to send for persons and papers, to sit during the recess and report by bill, resolve or otherwise to the next General Court.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon, the report of the Sharon. committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on the petition of William R. Mann and others of Sharon, for authority to remove remains from a certain burial ground. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

In relation to the erection and maintenance of gas-works in the city of Boston ; and

To incorporate the Barre Falls Reservoir Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Boston and to regulate elections in said city ; and a

Resolve in relation to painting and repairs of the State House ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

To establish the first district court of eastern Middlesex (amended on motion of Mr. Hayes of Medford) ; and

To authorize the governor and council to expend a sum not exceeding \$300,000 in constructing archways in the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

To establish county auditors, and for other purposes ; and

To secure a better accountability on the part of certain public officers, and for other purposes ;

Were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, June 23, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Murray of Pittsfield,—

Pay-roll.

Ordered, That the committee on the pay-roll make up the pay-roll of the members of the House.

On motion of Mr. Parker of New Bedford,—

Court officials.

Ordered, That the committee on Finance report to the House the replies received by them from the several treasurers of counties and clerks of courts in answer to interrogatories propounded to them under authority of an order of the House of February 20th.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the city of Fall River to fund its floating debt ;

To authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for temporary relief of the poor ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Rockland bank. Judiciary, on the resolve confirming the assignment from the Rockland Bank to Arad Moore of a certain mortgage, a bill to amend chapter 158 of the acts of 1874 relating to the Rockland Bank. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, reference Orders of the day. to the next General Court on the order relative to creating a joint special committee to investigate the whole system of inferior courts of the Commonwealth, was accepted.

Bills :

To provide for taking the industrial statistics and decennial census of the Commonwealth ;

To provide for the transaction of official business in the probate office of Suffolk County ; and

To establish the salaries of the justice and clerk of the district court of east Norfolk ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to abolish the police commission was read. The yeas and nays were ordered on the question of ordering the bill to a third reading, and, the roll being called, the bill was so ordered by a vote of 113 yeas to 63 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
John Q. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
Emory Banister,
Patrick Barry,
George Bartholmesz,
William G. Bassett,
John H. Bell,
John Bigelow,
Samuel P. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Richard D. Blinn,
William E. Blunt,
Enos W. Boise,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,
Richard Britton,
Aaron O. Buxton,

Messrs. James H. Carleton,
Alfred A. Clatur,
Patrick Collins,
Jeremiah W. Coveney,
George G. Crocker,
Benjamin C. Currier,
John Cushing,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Curtis Davis,
Henry C. Davis,
John Davol, Jr.,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
Augustus B. Endicott,
James E. Estabrook,
John H. Fisher,
John E. Fitzgerald,

Messrs. Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,	Messrs. W. Stanley Newhall,
Thomas Gates,	Reuben Noble,
Ashael Gates,	Porter Nutting,
Ziba Gay,	Richard Olney,
Samuel S. Gleason,	Almon M. Orcutt,
Levi L. Goodspeed,	Charles S. Osgood,
Andrew J. Gove,	James O. Parker,
Charles Hale,	William E. Perkins,
Nahum B. Hall,	Smith R. Phillips,
Horace Haskins,	Charles L. Pratt,
Joshua P. Haskell,	Edward B. Rankin,
Benj. F. Hayes,	Lawrence Reade,
Samuel M. Haynes,	John A. G. Richardson,
Benjamin Heath,	J. A. Rich,
Allen Higginbottom,	Cyrus Savage,
James E. Hill,	John Savery,
Geo. Hodges,	Nathaniel Seaver,
N. E. Hollis,	E. H. Seymour,
David P. Howes,	George A. Shaw,
Francis M. Hughes,	Charles L. Shaw,
James D. Hurlbut,	Henry Shortle,
Edward J. Johnson,	Joshua B. Smith,
Jonathan Johnson,	Albert Smith,
Thomas M. Judd,	Rufus Smith,
Elbridge G. Kelley,	Franklin H. Sprague,
Eben Kimball,	Richard H. Stearns,
George P. Kingsley,	Ezra Stearns,
William S. Knox,	John H. Studley,
Samuel O. Lamb,	George W. Taft,
Frederic W. Lincoln,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Joseph C. Little,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Charles A. Loud,	Warren Tyler,
Samuel Loring,	Michael F. Wells,
Henry B. Lovering,	T. W. Wellington,
Edward McCleave,	James B. Williams,
Daniel McCowan,	Henry W. Wilson,
John B. Moore,	Samuel Winslow,
John F. Moors,	Henry W. Wright,
Andrew M. Morton,	George C. Wright.
William H. Murray,	

NAYS.

Messrs. William Abbott,	Messrs. Cyrus W. Chapman,
Charles Alden,	Damon E. Cheney,
Sanford W. Billings,	Francis E. Clark,
Samuel H. Boutwell,	Francis C. Curtis,
Reuben Boynton,	Thomas S. Cushman,
S. W. Brayton,	Joseph M. Eaton,
James N. Buffum,	George O. Fairbanks,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Joseph E. Fiske,

Messrs. Eustace C. Fitz,
George S. Gates,
Addison Gilbert,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,
Elbridge H. Goss,
Solomon E. Hallett,
Abraham W. Harris,
John F. Haskins,
Benjamin Howard,
Andrew Howes,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Erastus Jones,
Charles H. Killam,
Henry D. Lay,
Daniel J. Lewis,
Willard Lewis,
Lewis Lombard,
Edward P. Loring,
Aaron Low,
Horatio A. Lucas,
Julius M. Lyon,
Lyman Mason,
Horace H. Mayhew,

Messrs. David Mayhew,
James L. Merritt,
Albert Montague,
Avery W. Nelson,
Lysander J. Orcutt,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
Francis E. Porter,
Joshua C. Robinson,
Philip H. Robinson,
William R. Roundy,
L. H. Sawin,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Warren Sibley,
William L. Slade,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Moses Smith,
Abraham H. Smith,
George D. Smalley,
Sumner Southworth,
James G. Tarr,
Leonard Washburn,
Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Simon H. White.

Yeas, 113 ; nays, 63.

Bills :

In relation to the erection and maintenance of gas-works in the city of Boston ; and

To incorporate the Barre Falls Reservoir Company ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill in addition to an act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out a public street or way across South Bay, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston.

The resolve in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company, was further considered.

An amendment, moved by Mr. Phillips of Salem, was adopted, the resolve was ordered to a third reading, and, under a suspension of the rules, was read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on the petition of William R. Mann and others of Sharon, for authority to remove remains from a certain burial ground, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary, on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

*Introduced on Leave.*City and town
debts.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, a bill relating to the indebtedness of cities and towns. The bill was read, and, under a suspension of the rule requiring its reference to a committee, was ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

Fitchburg R. R.

E. Walpole
R. R.N. and S. Falls
R. R.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, leave to withdraw on the several petitions of the Fitchburg Railroad, for extension of the time for locating and constructing a branch of its road; of the East Walpole Branch Railroad Company, for an amendment of its act of incorporation; and of the Northampton and Shelburne Falls Railroad Company, for extension of time for locating and building its road.

Under a suspension of the rule these reports were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Hopkinton R.R.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the bill to repeal chapter 119 of the acts of 1873, ought not to pass. Under a suspension of the rule the bill was considered and rejected.

Court officers.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, on the order relative to replies received by the committee from the clerks of courts and treasurers of the several counties, submitting said replies. Read and referred to the committee on Printing, with instructions to consider the expediency of printing said replies in whole or in part.

Reservoirs.

By Mr. Wilson of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on an order directing them to consider and report what legislation is necessary relative to impounding and storage reservoirs; also certain petitions on the same subject, that the following order should be adopted:—

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply and Drainage be authorized to sit during the recess of the legislature, to visit and examine such structures, take testimony and give public hearings, as it may deem expedient, upon the order directing it "to consider and report whether any legislation is necessary to provide for the supervision of

the construction and maintenance of impounding reservoirs," and report to the next General Court.

Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

Orders of the day.

To provide for taking the industrial statistics and decennial census of the Commonwealth ;

To provide for the transaction of official business in the probate office of Suffolk County ; and

To establish the salaries of the justice and clerk of the district court of east Norfolk ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A bill to abolish the police commissioners was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to provide for the organization of a line of railroads westwardly from Boston through the Hoosac Tunnel, in pursuance of existing laws and contracts, was considered.

On motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence, the debate was closed at four o'clock.

The vote being taken on the question of substituting the bill moved as an amendment by Mr. Brown of Marblehead, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 97 to 29.

Under the 60th rule, the bill, as amended, was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, for further consideration, pending the question of ordering it to a third reading.

The bill to amend chapter 158 of the acts of 1874 relating to the Rockland Bank, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Papers from the Senate.

The House bill to establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Franklin, came down with a Senate amendment, in which the House concurred.

Register of probate for Franklin County.

A bill relating to deposits in savings banks, introduced on leave and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking, and sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Savings banks.

A bill to amend an act to authorize trials in the superior court instead of before sheriff's juries, passed to be

Superior court.

engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Labor bureau.

The report of the committee of conference on the differences between the two branches on the order relative to binding extra copies of the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, was accepted in concurrence.

District court of E. Middlesex.

The Senate bill to establish the first district court of eastern Middlesex, came down with an indorsement of the non-concurrence of the Senate in certain House amendments.

Mr. Howes of Reading moved that the House recede from its amendments, pending which motion, the House Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, June 24, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Birds.

A bill amending chapter 304 of the acts of 1870, concerning birds, birds' eggs and deer, introduced on leave and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Militia—encampments of, 1859 and '70.

A resolve relating to documents concerning the encampments of the Massachusetts volunteer militia at Concord, in the months of September, 1859 and 1870, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Attachments.

A bill concerning the filing of bonds for the dissolution of attachments, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bill passed.

An engrossed bill regulating the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors (which originated in the House of Representatives), was considered. On motion of Mr. Dacey of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of passing the bill to be enacted. The roll being called, the bill was passed to be enacted by a vote of 72 yeas to 59 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
John Q. Adams,

Messrs. Andrew Athy,
Emory Banister,

Messrs. George Bartholmesz,
William G. Bassett,
Samuel P. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Richard D. Blinn,
Enos W. Boise,
James H. Carleton,
Patrick Collins,
Jeremiah W. Coveney,
George G. Crocker,
Ben. C. Currier,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Henry C. Davis,
I. W. Derby,
Jarvis N. Dunham,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
Augustus B. Endicott,
James E. Estabrook,
William Frost,
Thomas Gates,
Asahel Gates,
Ziba Gay,
Andrew J. Gove,
Brownell Granger,
Charles Hale,
Horace Haskins,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Samuel M. Haynes,
Joseph W. Hill,
Edward G. Hull,
Jonathan Johnson,
Edward J. Jones,
Moses Kimball,

Messrs. George P. Kingsley,
Samuel O. Lamb,
Henry B. Lovering,
John T. Manny,
Albert Mason,
Edward McCleave,
Daniel McCowan,
Joseph B. Morss,
William H. Murray,
W. Stanley Newhall,
Reuben Noble,
Richard Olney,
Almon M. Orcutt,
Charles S. Osgood,
James O. Parker,
Willard P. Phillips,
Lawrence Reade,
John A. G. Richardson,
John W. Rice,
Cyrus Savage,
Nathaniel Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
Joshua B. Smith,
Albert Smith,
Richard H. Stearns,
Ezra Stearns,
John H. Studley,
Daniel J. Sweeney,
Daniel H. Thurston,
Warren Tyler,
Michael F. Wells,
T. W. Wellington,
Robert R. Wiley,
Henry W. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Charles Alden,
Joseph E. Bailey,
Sanford W. Billings,
William E. Blunt,
Frederick L. Bosworth,
Reuben Boynton,
James N. Buffum,
Cyrus W. Chapman,
Damon E. Cheney,
John Cushing,
Joseph M. Eaton,
George O. Fairbanks,
John B. Fairbanks,
Joseph E. Fiske,

Messrs. George S. Gates,
Addison Gilbert,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,
Nahum B. Hall,
Abraham W. Harris,
Benjamin Howard,
David P. Howes,
Andrew Howes,
James D. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Edward J. Johnson,
Charles H. Killam,
Henry D. Lay,

Messrs. Daniel J. Lewis,
Willard Lewis,
Charles A. Loud,
Aaron Low,
Horatio A. Lucas,
Lyman Mason,
Horace H. Mayhew,
David Mayhew,
James L. Merritt,
Albert Montague,
John F. Moors,
Avery W. Nelson,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
Francis E. Porter,
Charles L. Pratt,
J. A. Rich,

Messrs. William R. Roundy,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
John Shaw,
Henry Shortle,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Abraham H. Smith,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Sumner Southworth,
Leonard Washburn,
Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Simon H. White,
William Whiting,
Samuel Winslow,
Henry V. Woods,
George C. Wright.

Yeas, 72 ; nays, 59.

The bill was then signed and sent to the Senate.

Report of a Committee.

Hampshire—
highways.

By Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate bill to authorize the county commissioners of Hampshire County to relocate certain highways in the towns of Northampton and Williamsburg, ought to pass in a new draft.

On motion of Mr. Bassett of Easthampton, the rules were suspended, the bill took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

State prison.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the bill to authorize a loan for the construction of a state prison, and to establish a sinking fund for the same, and for the Danvers Lunatic Hospital loan, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon.

District court of
E. Middlesex.

The bill to establish the first district court of eastern Middlesex was further considered, the question being on the motion that the House recede from certain of its amendments non-concurred in by the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Sleeper of Malden, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the House receded from the amendments, by a vote of 66 yeas to 59 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Andrew Athy,
Joseph E. Bailey,

Messrs. Patrick Barry,
George Bartholmesz,

Messrs. John Bigelow,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 Samuel P. Billings,
 Stephen F. Blaney,
 Richard D. Blinn,
 John C. Blood,
 Enos W. Boise,
 Richard Britton,
 James N. Buffum,
 Aaron O. Buxton,
 Damon E. Cheney,
 George G. Crocker,
 Timothy J. Dacey,
 Henry C. Davis,
 Joseph M. Eaton,
 Lucian F. Eldridge,
 John B. Fairbanks,
 William Frost,
 Thomas Gates,
 Asahel Gates,
 Ziba Gay,
 Samuel S. Gleason,
 Andrew J. Gove,
 Nahum B. Hall,
 Horace Haskins,
 Samuel M. Haynes,
 Joseph W. Hill,
 David P. Howes,
 Andrew Howes,
 Francis M. Hughes,
 Edward G. Hull,

Messrs. James D. Hurlbut,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Erastus Jones,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Charles H. Killam,
 Samuel O. Lamb,
 Daniel J. Lewis,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 Horace H. Mayhew,
 Albert Montague,
 Avery W. Nelson,
 W. Stanley Newhall,
 Almon M. Orcutt,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 James O. Parker,
 Lawrence Reade,
 J. A. G. Richardson,
 Joshua C. Robinson,
 William R. Roundy,
 Cyrus Savage,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 Nathaniel Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 John Shaw,
 Abraham H. Smith,
 Ezra Stearns,
 John H. Studley,
 William Whiting,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Henry V. Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
 John Q. Adams,
 Charles Alden,
 Emory Banister,
 William E. Blunt,
 Frederick L. Bosworth,
 Stillman Butterworth,
 James H. Carleton,
 Patrick Collins,
 Austin H. Connell,
 Thomas S. Cushman,
 Jarvis N. Dunham,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 James E. Estabrook,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 John H. Fisher,
 John E. Fitzgerald,

Messrs. John W. Fletcher,
 George S. Gates,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Samuel S. Ginnodo,
 Charles Hale,
 Joshua P. Haskell,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Edward J. Johnson,
 Moses Kimball,
 George P. Kingsley,
 Henry D. Lay,
 Willard Lewis,
 Aaron Low,
 Lyman Mason,
 Albert Mason,
 David Mayhew,

Messrs. Edward McCleave,
 Daniel McCowan,
 James L. Merritt,
 John F. Moors,
 William H. Murray,
 Richard Olney,
 Charles S. Osgood,
 Richard Pope,
 Francis E. Porter,
 John W. Rice,
 J. A. Rich,
 Henry Shortle,
 William L. Slade,

Messrs. J. K. C. Sleeper,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Albert Smith,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Sumner Southworth,
 Richard H. Stearns,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Leonard Washburn,
 T. W. Wellington,
 Cyrus M. Wheaton,
 Simon H. White,
 Samuel Winslow.

Yeas, 66 ; nays, 59.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
 day.

The bill relating to the indebtedness of cities and towns, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend chapter 158 of the acts of 1874, relating to the Rockland Bank, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on the order directing them to consider what legislation is necessary relative to impounding and storage reservoirs, and on the petitions of the selectmen of Cheshire and others, was considered. On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the order recommended by the committee for adoption was amended by substituting therefor a resolve in relation to impounding reservoirs, which was read and ordered to a second reading.

The bill to incorporate the State Board of Trustees of the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad was further considered. Mr. Adams of Quincy moved to amend by substituting a bill to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railroad, which, after debate, was substituted by a vote of 106 to 30, sundry amendments moved to the substitute having been rejected. Under the 60th rule the bill was placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon for further consideration, pending the question of ordering it to a third reading.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Mason of Plymouth, from the committee on the Birds. Judiciary, that the Senate bill amending chapter 304 of the acts of 1870 ought not to pass.

Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Rail- Railroads. ways, that the bill to revise and consolidate the provisions of the General Statutes and subsequent general acts relating to railroads ought to pass in a new draft.

The bill was read and ordered to a second reading, and under a suspension of the rule was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Bassett of Easthampton, from the committee on Chas. A. Perry.
A. Montague. Claims, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolve in favor of Charles A. Perry and the resolve in favor of Albert Montague.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Papers from the Senate.

A bill to change the name of the Duxbury Wharf Com- Duxbury Wharf
Co. pany and for other purposes, introduced on leave in the Senate, and referred to the committee on Harbors, was referred under the 20th joint rule to the next General Court.

The report of the committee on the State House that Pemberton
Square building. the building No. 33 Pemberton Square had been altered as authorized by a resolve of the present year, was accepted in concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, a resolve in favor of the widow Geo. Derby. of George Derby, deceased, which, under a suspension of the rule, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Laid Over.

At request of Mr. Codman of Boston, the request of Compensation
of members. Mr. Howes of Dennis for leave to introduce a bill fixing the compensation of the members of the legislature.

Taken from the Table.

Troy and
Greenfield R. R.
Boston—South
Bay.

On motion of Mr. Olney of Boston, the bill to provide for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad;

And, on motion of Mr. Sprague of Framingham, the bill in addition to an act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out a public street or way across South Bay.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

Regulating the sale of spiritous and intoxicating liquors ;

To provide for the custody and treatment of the criminal and homicidal insane ;

Relating to the correspondence of insane persons and to the establishment of a commission of lunacy ;

To establish the salaries of the judge and register of probate and insolvency for the county of Franklin ;

Relating to application for damages for obstructions to private ways by railroads ;

To revive the Old Colony Bank of Plymouth for certain purposes ;

In relation to payment of moneys into and from the treasury ;

In relation to the bonds of executors and others ;

Relating to the industrial school at Lawrence ;

To authorize the Governor and Council to expend a sum not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars in constructing archways in the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes ;

In relation to the distribution of damages in cases of water supply to cities and towns, and for laying out, alteration or discontinuance of ways where there are separate interests in lands ;

To amend chapter 320 of the acts of the year 1872 in relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston harbor ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To establish the salaries of the justice and the clerk of the district court of east Norfolk ; and

To provide for the transaction of official business in the probate office of Suffolk County ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves
passed.

In relation to painting and repairing the State House ;
and

For obtaining information with reference to the expediency of a change in the laws regulating the distribution of intestate estates ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Resolves :

Orders of the
day.

In relation to impounding reservoirs (amended on motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston) ; and

Relating to documents concerning the encampments of the Massachusetts volunteer militia at Concord, Mass., in the months of September, 1859 and 1870 ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill relating to the indebtedness of cities and towns (amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston), was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to authorize a loan for the construction of a state prison, and to establish a sinking fund for the same, and for the Danvers Lunatic Hospital loan, was further considered. Pending amendments moved by Mr. Kimball of Boston, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

The bill to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railroad, was further considered. Sundry amendments moved to the bill were rejected, and it was ordered to a third reading. On motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy, the rules were suspended and the bill was read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 25, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Reports of Committees.

Court officials.

By Mr. Morss of Newburyport, from the committee on Printing (on an order of the House), that the tabular statement of the clerks of courts and the summary of county treasurers' receipts (being a portion of the papers submitted by the committee on Finance), should be printed. Accepted, under suspension of the rule, and the papers referred to ordered to be printed.

Attachments.

By Mr. Olney of Boston, that the Senate bill concerning the filing of bonds for the dissolution of attachments, ought not to pass. The bill was considered under a suspension of the rule, and rejected.

Supreme judicial court.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Senate bill to establish the salary of the reporter and to provide for the publication of the reports of the decisions of the supreme judicial court, should be referred to the next General Court. Accepted, and the bill so referred, under a suspension of the rule.

Anderson School of Natural History.

By the second committee of conference on the difference between the two branches concerning the Senate bill to incorporate the Anderson School of Natural History, that the House should recede from its amendment.

Election frauds.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the House should non-concur in the Senate amendments to the House bill to prevent frauds at elections.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon.

Railroad grade crossings.

By Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on Railways, inexpedient to legislate on certain orders concerning grade crossings of railroads, highways and town ways, and leave to withdraw on certain petitions on the same subject. Accepted, under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Superior court.

By Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate bill to amend an act to authorize trials in the superior court instead of before sheriff's juries, ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day

for this afternoon, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, Auditors. that the House bill to establish county auditors, and for other purposes, should be referred to the next General Court. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon, the question being on such reference.

By Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on Rail- Grain elevators. ways, on the annual report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, a bill to authorize railroad corporations to aid in the construction of grain elevators.

By Mr. Wilson of Boston, from the committee on Water Boston—water supply. Supply and Drainage, on the petition of the city of Boston, a bill to authorize that city to obtain a further supply of pure water and establish and maintain reservoirs for the storage of water in the Mystic Valley.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Court officers. Judiciary, the bill to secure a better accountability on the part of certain public officers, and for other purposes, ought to pass in a new draft, entitled "an act to require certain public officers to give bonds, and for other purposes."

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

A resolve assigning rooms for the state police, passed State police. to be engrossed by the Senate, took its several readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A bill to amend an act concerning commercial fertilizers, Fertilizers. introduced on leave, and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, had its several readings under a suspension of the rules. Objection being made to a suspension of the rule requiring its reference to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, it was referred to that committee.

The House bill to prevent frauds at elections in cities Election frauds. came down with an amendment, which was referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Duxbury, the House con- Duxbury Wharf Co. curred with the Senate in the suspension of the 20th joint rule for the introduction of a bill to change the name of the Duxbury Wharf Company, and for other purposes, which was yesterday referred to the next General Court under the rule. The bill was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Harbors.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :
 Relating to elections ;
 Concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes ; and
 To abolish the police commission ;
 (Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)
 Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed resolve concerning sanitary improvements at the state almshouse (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Census.

The engrossed bill for taking the industrial statistics and decennial census of the Commonwealth was considered.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the rule was suspended so that amendments might be moved to the bill, and the bill was laid on the table.

Subsequently, on motion of the same gentleman, the bill was taken from the table, sundry amendments were moved and ordered to be printed, and the further consideration of the bill was postponed until this afternoon.

Prison for women.

The engrossed bill to establish a reformatory prison for women, was considered.

On motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill was passed to be enacted by a vote 82 yeas to 61 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. John Q. Adams,
 Charles Alden,
 Emory Banister,
 John H. Bell,
 John Bigelow,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 Richard D. Blinn,
 John C. Blood,
 William E. Blunt,
 Richard Britton,
 Aaron O. Buxton,
 James H. Carleton,
 Cyrus W. Chapman,
 Charles R. Codman,
 Patrick Collins,
 Jeremiah W. Coveney,

Messrs. George G. Crocker,
 John Cummings,
 John Davol, Jr.,
 I. W. Derby,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 John B. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 Joseph E. Fiske,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 Eustace C. Fitz,
 William Frost,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Elbridge H. Goss,
 Charles Hale,
 Abraham W. Harris,

Messrs. Horace Haskins,
Benj. F. Hayes,
John B. Hill,
Joseph W. Hill,
T. M. House,
Benj. Howard,
Francis M. Hughes,
James D. Hurlbut,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Edward J. Johnson,
Elbridge G. Kelley,
Charles H. Killam,
Moses Kimball,
George P. Kingsley,
Samuel O. Lamb,
Henry D. Lay,
Willard Lewis,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Samuel Loring,
Henry B. Lovering,
Aaron Low,
John T. Manny,
Lyman Mason,
Albert Mason,

Messrs. David Mayhew,
Daniel McCowan,
James L. Merritt,
John B. Moore,
John F. Moors,
Avery W. Nelson,
Richard Olney,
Charles S. Osgood,
Albert Palmer,
William E. Perkins,
John W. Rice,
Joshua C. Robinson,
John Shaw,
Henry P. Shattuck,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Joshua B. Smith,
Moses Smith,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Richard H. Stearns,
Daniel H. Thurston,
T. W. Wellington,
Moses Williams, Jr.,
Robert R. Wiley,
Samuel Winslow,
George C. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
Joseph E. Bailey,
George Bartholmesz,
William G. Bassett,
Samuel P. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Enos W. Boise,
Dennis Bonner,
S. W. Brayton,
Stillman Butterworth,
Alonzo A. Carr,
Damon E. Cheney,
Thomas S. Cushman,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Jarvis N. Dunham,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
James E. Estabrook,
George O. Fairbanks,
John H. Fisher,
George S. Gates,
Thomas Gates,
Asahel Gates,

Messrs. Nahum B. Hall,
Solomon E. Hallett,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Sam'l M. Haynes,
Geo. Hodges,
David P. Howes,
George W. Jones,
Eben Kimball,
Daniel J. Lewis,
Charles A. Loud,
Horatio A. Lucas,
Horace H. Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
Albert Montague,
Joseph B. Morss,
William H. Murray,
Lysander J. Orcutt,
William C. Parker, Jr.,
James O. Parker,
Richard Pope,
Lawrence Reade,
D. Franklin Reed,
J. A. Rich,

Messrs. William R. Roundy,	Messrs. Warren Tyler,
Cyrus Savage,	Leonard Washburn,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
E. H. Seymour,	William Whiting,
George A. Shaw,	Henry W. Wilson,
Charles L. Shaw,	Henry V. Woods,
Abraham H. Smith,	Henry W. Wright.
George D. Smalley,	

Yeas, 82 ; nays, 61.

Laid Over.

The following order, offered by Mr. Knox of Lawrence, was laid over until this afternoon, at the request of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg :—

Close of session.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed of three on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, to consider and report how early and in what manner the business of the present session may be completed and the legislature prorogued.

Compensation of members.

The request of Mr. Howes of Dennis for leave to introduce a bill fixing the compensation of the members of the legislature, laid over from yesterday, was rejected without a count.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The reports of the committee on Claims (asking to be discharged) on the resolve in favor of Charles A. Perry ; and

On the resolve in favor of Albert Montague ;

Were severally accepted, the committee was discharged and the resolves were severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading, the rule requiring their reference to the committee on Finance being suspended, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston.

A resolve in favor of the widow of George Derby, deceased ; and

Bills :

Relative to the improvement of the navigation of the South Bay ; and

In addition to an act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out a public street or way across South Bay ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate resolve relating to documents concerning the encampments of the Massachusetts volunteer militia

at Concord, Mass., in the months of September, 1859 and 1870, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to revise and consolidate the provisions of the General Statutes and of subsequent general acts relating to railroads was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate bill, on leave, amending chapter 304 of the acts of the year 1870, concerning birds, birds' eggs and deer, was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill to authorize a loan for the construction of a state prison, and to establish a sinking fund for the same, and for the Danvers Lunatic Hospital loan was further considered. Amendments moved by Mr. Kimball of Boston were adopted. Mr. Buxton of Boston moved to amend by striking out all provisions for the construction of a new state prison building. Mr. Frost of Boston called for the yeas and nays on the amendment, which were ordered.

The roll being called, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 94 yeas to 80 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
William A. Adams,
John Q. Adams,
Emory Banister,
Patrick Barry,
George Bartholmesz,
William G. Bassett,
John Bigelow,
Samuel P. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
S. W. Brayton,
James N. Buffum,
Stillman Butterworth,
Aaron O. Buxton,
Damon E. Cheney,
Charles R. Codman,
Jeremiah W. Coveney,
John Cummings,
Benjamin C. Currier,
Thomas S. Cushman,
Henry C. Davis,
Jarvis N. Dunham,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
James E. Estabrook,
John H. Fisher,

Messrs. Joseph E. Fiske,
Thomas Gates,
Asahel Gates,
Ziba Gay,
William B. Gibson,
Addison Gilbert,
Sam'l S. Ginnodo,
Levi L. Goodspeed,
F. E. Gray,
Charles Hale,
Nahum B. Hall,
Abraham W. Harris,
Samuel M. Haynes,
George Hodges,
Benjamin Howard,
David P. Howes,
James D. Hurlbut,
George W. Jones,
Elbridge G. Kelley,
Moses Kimball,
Eben Kimball,
Samuel O. Lamb,
Daniel J. Lewis,
Lewis Lombard,
Samuel Loring,

Messrs. Henry B. Lovering,
 Horace H. Mayhew,
 David Mayhew,
 Edward McCleave,
 James L. Merritt,
 Albert Montague,
 John F. Moors,
 Joseph B. Morss,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 William H. Murray,
 Reuben Noble,
 Porter Nutting,
 Richard Olney,
 Almon M. Orcutt,
 Lysander J. Orcutt,
 Albert Palmer,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 James O. Parker,
 William E. Perkins,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 Lawrence Reade,
 D. Franklin Reed,

Messrs. John W. Rice,
 Philip H. Robinson
 Joseph W. Rogers,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 Nathaniel Seaver,
 E. H. Seymour,
 George A. Shaw,
 Charles L. Shaw,
 William L. Slade,
 Albert Smith,
 Moses Smith,
 Abraham H. Smith,
 George D. Smalley,
 Sumner Southworth,
 Richard H. Stearns,
 John H. Studley,
 George W. Taft,
 Leonard Washburn,
 William Whiting,
 Moses Williams, Jr.,
 Henry W. Wilson,
 Henry V. Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. Charles Alden,
 Andrew Athy,
 Joseph E. Bailey,
 John H. Bell,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 Richard D. Blinn,
 John C. Blood,
 William E. Blunt,
 Enos W. Boise,
 Dennis Bonner,
 Richard Britton,
 Alonzo A. Carr,
 James H. Carleton,
 Cyrus W. Chapman,
 Alfred A. Clatur,
 Patrick Collins,
 George G. Crocker,
 Francis C. Curtis,
 Timothy J. Dacey,
 I. W. Derby,
 Edward Eaton,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 John B. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 John E. Fitzgerald,

Messrs. Eustace C. Fitz,
 William Frost,
 George S. Gates,
 John J. Giles,
 Gayton M. Hall,
 Solomon E. Hallett,
 Horace Haskins,
 John F. Haskins,
 Joshua P. Haskell,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 John B. Hill,
 Joseph W. Hill,
 James E. Hill,
 Francis M. Hughes,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Edward J. Johnson,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Erastus Jones,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Charles H. Killam,
 George P. Kingsley,
 William S. Knox,
 Henry D. Lay,
 Willard Lewis,
 Charles A. Loud,

Messrs. Edward P. Loring,
 Aaron Low,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 John T. Manny,
 Lyman Mason,
 Albert Mason,
 Daniel McCowan,
 John B. Moore,
 Avery W. Nelson,
 W. Stanley Newhall,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Charles S. Osgood,
 Charles L. Pratt,
 J. A. Rich,

Messrs. Joshua C. Robinson,
 William R. Roundy,
 George J. Sanger,
 John Shaw,
 J. K. C. Sleeper,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Artemas S. Tyler,
 Warren Tyler,
 Timothy W. Wellington,
 Simon H. White,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Samuel Winslow,
 George C. Wright.

Yes, 94 ; nays, 80.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the bill as amended was referred to the committee on Bills in Third Reading.

The bill to provide for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad was further considered, and amended as previously moved by Mr. Kimball of Boston. Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Orcutt of Cummington and Dunham of Pittsfield moved to further amend the bill. Pending the consideration of the subject, the House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Crocker of Boston in the chair.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, from the committee on Railways, to whom were referred the several papers concerning the petition of Scudder, Bartlett & Company, with instructions to consider the subject of shortages, that the committee deemed it inexpedient to report a bill on the subject of shortages, but recommended that the resolve instructing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next General Court in relation to the petition of Scudder, Bartlett & Company (printed in House Doc., No. 327), should pass. Under a suspension of the rule the resolve was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Scudder, Bartlett & Co.

Paper from the Senate.

The House bill to amend chapter 28 of the General Statutes, relating to cemetery lots, came down with an

Cemetery lots.

amendment. Pending the question of concurring in the same, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Boston—gas.

A bill to incorporate the Citizens' Gas Light Company of Boston, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and objection being made, the bill was rejected. Subsequently, Mr. Wiley of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote, which was lost.

Fertilizers.

The Senate bill to amend an act concerning commercial fertilizers was reported by the committee on Bills in Third Reading correctly drawn, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

State prison.

The bill to authorize a loan for the construction of a state prison, and to establish a sinking fund for the same, and for the Danvers Lunatic Hospital loan, being reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading redrawn as amended at the morning session, was further considered.

Mr. Hill of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House adopted the amendment moved this morning by Mr. Buxton of Boston, striking out of the bill all provisions for the construction of a new state prison building, which was carried.

On motion of Mr. Buxton of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the recurring question of the adoption of the amendment.

The previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Blinn of Lexington, and the roll being called, on the question of the adoption of the amendment moved by Mr. Buxton, it was lost by a vote of 73 yeas to 84 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
William A. Adams,
Emory Banister,
William G. Bassett,
John Bigelow,
Samuel P. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Samuel H. Boutwell,
S. W. Brayton,
William B. Brown,
Stillman Butterworth,
Aaron O. Buxton,
Damon E. Cheney,

Messrs. Albe C. Clark,
Austin H. Connell,
Thomas S. Cushman,
Henry C. Davis,
Jarvis N. Dunham,
Edward Eaton,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
James E. Estabrook,
John H. Fisher,
Joseph E. Fiske,
Asahel Gates,
John J. Giles,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,

Messrs. Andrew J. Gove,
Charles Hale,
Nahum B. Hall,
Abraham W. Harris,
Geo. Hodges,
Benjamin Howard,
David P. Howes,
John B. Hull,
James D. Hurlbut,
George W. Jones,
Elbridge G. Kelley,
Moses Kimball,
Eben Kimball,
Samuel O. Lamb,
Daniel J. Lewis,
Charles A. Loud,
Samuel Loring,
Henry B. Lovering,
Horace H. Mayhew,
David Mayhew,
Edward McCleave,
John J. McNutt,
Albert Montague,
John F. Moors,

Messrs. Andrew M. Morton,
William H. Murray,
Reuben Noble,
Porter Nutting,
Richard Olney,
Almon M. Orcutt,
Lysander J. Orcutt,
William E. Perkins,
Edward B. Rankin,
Lawrence Reade,
D. Franklin Reed,
Isaac F. Sawtelle,
E. H. Seymour,
George A. Shaw,
William L. Slade,
Abraham H. Smith,
George D. Smalley,
Sumner Southworth,
Richard H. Stearns,
Isaac Stebbins,
Leonard Washburn,
William Whiting,
Henry W. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Andrew Athy,
Joseph E. Bailey,
John H. Bell,
Sanford W. Billings,
Richard D. Blinn,
John C. Blood,
William E. Blunt,
Enos W. Boise,
Dennis Bonner,
Reuben Boynton,
Richard Britton,
James H. Carleton,
Cyrus W. Chapman,
Charles R. Codman,
Patrick Collins,
Francis C. Curtis,
Timothy J. Dacey,
John Davol, Jr.,
I. W. Derby,
Joseph M. Eaton,
Augustus B. Endicott,
George O. Fairbanks,
John B. Fairbanks,
C. C. Field,

Messrs. John E. Fitzgerald,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
John W. Fletcher,
William Frost,
George S. Gates,
Elbridge H. Goss,
Solomon E. Hallett,
John F. Haskins,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
John B. Hill,
Joseph W. Hill,
James E. Hill,
Richardson Hutchinson,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Edward J. Johnson,
Jonathan Johnson,
Erastus Jones,
Edward J. Jones,
Charles H. Killam,
George P. Kingsley,
William S. Knox,
Henry D. Lay,
Frederic W. Lincoln,

<p>Messrs. Edward P. Loring, Aaron Low, Horatio A. Lucas, John T. Manny, Lyman Mason, Albert Mason, Daniel McCowan, John B. Moore, Avery W. Nelson, • W. Stanley Newhall, Edward O. Noyes, Charles S. Osgood, Albert Palmer, Willard P. Phillips, Charles L. Pratt, John W. Rice, J. A. Rich, Joshua C. Robinson,</p>	<p>Messrs. George J. Sanger, Cyrus Savage, L. H. Sawin, Nathaniel Seaver, John Shaw, Charles L. Shaw, Henry P. Shattuck, J. K. C. Sleeper, Joshua B. Smith, Franklin H. Sprague, Daniel J. Sweeney, James G. Tarr, Artemas S. Tyler, Timothy W. Wellington, Simon H. White, Robert R. Wiley, Samuel Winslow, George C. Wright.</p>
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Yeas, 73 ; nays, 84.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

Bills :

To authorize railroad corporations to aid in the construction of grain elevators ; and

To require certain public officers to give bonds, and for other purposes ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

A resolve in favor of the widow of George Derby, deceased ; and a

Bill relative to the improvement of the navigation of the South Bay ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and the former sent up for concurrence.

The bill to provide for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, was further considered.

Pending the motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence, that the debate be closed in thirty minutes, Mr. Abbott of Sutton, moved that the House adjourn.

On motion of Mr. Buxton of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the House refused to adjourn by a vote of 23 yeas to 56 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
Samuel P. Billings,
William E. Blunt,
Dennis Bonner,
Samuel H. Boutwell,
Damon E. Cheney,
Albe C. Clark,
Patrick Collins,
Thomas S. Cushman,
Henry C. Davis,
George O. Fairbanks,
John H. Fisher,

Messrs. Richardson Hutchinson,
Edward P. Loring,
Lyman Mason,
Albert Mason,
William H. Murray,
Edward McCleave,
Reuben Noble,
John Shaw,
J. K. C. Sleeper,
Franklin H. Sprague,
Timothy W. Wellington.

NAYS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
William G. Bassett,
Sanford W. Billings,
Richard D. Blinn,
Enos W. Boise,
Dennis Bonner,
Aaron O. Buxton,
Cyrus W. Chapman,
Damon E. Cheney,
Charles R. Codman,
Austin H. Connell,
George G. Crocker,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Jarvis N. Dunham,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
Augustus B. Endicott,
Joseph E. Fiske,
William Frost,
George S. Gates,
Asahel Gates,
John J. Giles,
Charles Hale,
Horace Haskins,
John B. Hill,
Nathan S. Jenkins,
Edward J. Jones,

Messrs. Charles H. Killam,
Moses Kimball,
Eben Kimball,
William S. Knox,
Samuel O. Lamb,
Daniel J. Lewis,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Horatio A. Lucas,
Albert Montague,
Andrew M. Morton,
Richard Olney,
Almon M. Orcutt,
Charles S. Osgood,
Albert Palmer,
William E. Perkins,
Willard P. Phillips,
Charles L. Pratt,
Lawrence Reade,
John W. Rice,
Joshua C. Robinson,
Philip H. Robinson,
E. H. Seymour,
George A. Shaw,
Charles L. Shaw,
George D. Smalley,
Isaac Stebbins,
James G. Tarr,
Artemas S. Tyler.

Yeas, 28 ; nays, 56.

A count of the House was called for and had, after
which the House
Adjourned.

FRIDAY, June 26, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Moors of Greenfield.

*Papers from the Senate.*Wm. M. Fisher
et als.

Reports of the committee on Banks and Banking, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of William M. Fisher and others of Attleborough, for an act of incorporation as a banking and trust company; and on the order relative to savings banks loans and investments, were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

Savings banks.

Vienna Exposition.

The report of the joint special committee on the reports of the commissioners to the Vienna Exposition, that no legislation is necessary, was read and placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon.

Bill passed.

An engrossed bill to establish the first district court of eastern Middlesex (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed resolve in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Census.

The engrossed bill to provide for taking the industrial statistics and decennial census of the Commonwealth, was considered, the amendments moved by Mr. Hale of Boston were adopted, and the bill was sent up for concurrence in the same.

*Orders of the Day.*Orders of the
day.

The Senate bill to amend an act to authorize trials in the superior court instead of before sheriff's juries, was rejected, in accordance with the report of the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

To authorize railroad corporations to aid in the construction of grain elevators ;

To require certain public officers to give bonds, and for other purposes ; and

In addition to an act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out a public street or way across South Bay ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill to provide for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad was further considered.

The question being on amendments of the amount appropriated by the bill, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the question was divided, first being taken on striking out the words "three millions" wherever they occur. This was carried. Sundry amendments moved to fill the blank were severally lost. An amendment moved by Mr. Hale of Boston was adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Hale, the orders of the day were laid on the table, and the same gentleman moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed, which was carried.

The same gentleman then moved to reconsider the vote by which the words "three millions" were stricken out, which was carried.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Waltham, the yeas and nays were ordered on the recurring question of striking out the words referred to.

Pending the question, the House
Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Paper from the Senate.

A bill to cede jurisdiction to the United States over Light-houses. lands acquired for light-house purposes, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, had its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence under a suspension of the rules.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Adams of Quincy, a bill to amend an act to District court of E. Worcester. establish the second district court of eastern Worcester. Under a suspension of the rules, the bill took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston, the vote whereby South Bay. the bill relative to the improvement of the navigation of the South Bay was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, was reconsidered. The bill was then amended, on motion of the same gentleman, and was again passed to be en-

grossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

South Bay.

On motion of the same gentleman, the vote was reconsidered whereby the bill in addition to an act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out a public street or way across South Bay was passed to be engrossed. The bill was amended, and again passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill passed.

An engrossed bill to revise and consolidate the provisions of the General Statutes and of subsequent acts relating to railroads (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed resolve relating to documents concerning the encampments of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia at Concord in the months of September, 1859 and 1870 (which originated in the Senate), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The bill to provide for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad was further considered.

The vote by which the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of striking out the words "three millions," was reconsidered, and the words referred to were stricken out.

Mr. Hale of Boston moved to fill the blank by inserting \$2,750,000. Mr. Orcutt of Cummington moved to insert \$1,500,000. Sundry other amendments were moved to insert lesser sums.

On motion of Mr. Blaney of Peabody, the yeas and nays were ordered on Mr. Hale's amendment. The roll being called, the amendment was rejected by a vote of 87 yeas to 88 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
John Q. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
Patrick Barry,
George Bartholmesz,
William G. Bassett,
John H. Bell,
Richard D. Blinn,

Messrs. Dennis Bonner,
Reuben Boynton,
S. W. Brayton,
James H. Carleton,
Cyrus W. Chapman,
Damon E. Cheney,
Albe C. Clark,
Francis E. Clark,

Messrs. Alfred A. Clatur,
 Patrick Collins,
 Austin H. Connell,
 L. J. Cole,
 Henry J. Couch,
 George G. Crocker,
 Francis C. Curtis,
 Timothy J. Dacey,
 I. W. Derby,
 Lucian F. Eldridge,
 James E. Estabrook,
 C. C. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 Eustace C. Fitz,
 John W. Fletcher,
 Sam'l S. Gleason,
 Charles Hale,
 Gayton M. Hall,
 Abraham W. Harris,
 Horace Haskins,
 John F. Haskins,
 Joseph W. Hill,
 N. E. Hollis,
 Benjamin Howard,
 George W. Jones,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Jesse E. Keith,
 George P. Kingsley,
 Lucius W. Knight,
 William S. Knox,
 Samuel O. Lamb,
 Henry D. Lay,
 Charles A. Loud,
 Edward P. Loring,

Messrs. Julius M. Lyon,
 Albert Mason,
 Horace H. Mayhew,
 Edward McCleave,
 James L. Merritt,
 Albert Montague,
 John B. Moore,
 John F. Moors,
 Joseph B. Morss,
 Avery W. Nelson,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Porter Nutting,
 Richard Olney,
 Almon M. Orcutt,
 Charles S. Osgood,
 Albert Palmer,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 James O. Parker,
 Richard Pope,
 Charles L. Pratt,
 J. A. G. Richardson,
 J. A. Rich,
 Joshua C. Robinson,
 Nathaniel J. Rust,
 Cyrus Savage,
 John Savery,
 John Shaw,
 Warren Sibley,
 J. K. C. Sleeper,
 James G. Tarr,
 Michael F. Wells,
 T. W. Wellington,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Henry W. Wright,
 George C. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
 Joseph E. Bailey,
 Emory Banister,
 John Bigelow,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 Stephen F. Blaney,
 William E. Blunt,
 Fred'k L. Bosworth,
 Stillman Butterworth,
 Aaron O. Buxton,
 Charles R. Codman,
 Jeremiah W. Coveney,

Messrs. Benjamin C. Currier,
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
 Thomas S. Cushman,
 John Davol, Jr.,
 Jarvis N. Dunham,
 Edward Eaton,
 Joseph M. Eaton,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Joseph E. Fiske,
 William Frost,
 George S. Gates,

Messrs. Ziba Gay,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Samuel S. Ginnodo,
 Andrew J. Gove,
 F. E. Gray,
 Nahum B. Hall,
 Solomon E. Hallett,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Samuel M. Haynes,
 Allen Higginbottom,
 George Hodges,
 T. M. House,
 Edward G. Hull,
 James D. Hurlbut,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Elbridge G. Kelley,
 Charles H. Killam,
 Moses Kimball,
 Eben Kimball,
 Daniel J. Lewis,
 Willard Lewis,
 Samuel Loring,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 Aaron Low,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 Lyman Mason,
 David Mayhew,
 Daniel McCowan,
 John J. McNutt,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 William H. Murray,

Messrs. W. Stanley Newhall,
 Reuben Noble,
 Lysander J. Orcutt,
 William E. Perkins,
 Smith R. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Henry L. Pratt,
 Lawrence Reade,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 Nathaniel Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 Charles L. Shaw,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 Henry Shortle,
 William L. Slade,
 Moses Smith,
 Abraham H. Smith,
 George D. Smalley,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Ezra Stearns,
 John H. Studley,
 George W. Taft,
 Artemas S. Tyler,
 Warren Tyler,
 Leonard Washburn,
 Cyrus M. Wheaton,
 Simon H. White,
 William Whiting,
 Henry W. Wilson,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Henry V. Woods.

Yeas, 87 ; nays, 88.

On motion of Mr. Blaney of Peabody, the yeas and nays were also ordered on the motion of Mr. Orcutt of Cummington, to insert "one million five hundred thousand." The roll being called, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 89 yeas to 80 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
 Andrew Athy,
 Patrick Barry,
 George Bartholmesz,
 William G. Bassett,
 John H. Bell,
 Richard D. Blinn,

Messrs. Dennis Bonner,
 Reuben Boynton,
 S. W. Brayton,
 Aaron O. Buxton,
 Cyrus W. Chapman,
 Damon E. Cheney,
 Albe C. Clark,

Messrs. Francis E. Clark,
 Alfred A. Clatur,
 Charles R. Codman,
 Patrick Collins,
 Austin H. Connell,
 L. J. Cole,
 Henry J. Couch,
 George G. Crocker,
 Francis C. Curtis,
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
 Thomas S. Cushman,
 Timothy J. Dacey,
 Lucian F. Eldridge,
 C. C. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
 Eustace C. Fitz,
 John W. Fletcher,
 William Frost,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Sam'l S. Gleason,
 Andrew J. Gove,
 Charles Hale,
 Nahum B. Hall,
 Abraham W. Harris,
 Horace Haskins,
 John F. Haskins,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 John B. Hill,
 Benjamin Howard,
 George W. Jones,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Eben Kimball,
 Samuel O. Lamb,
 Henry D. Lay,
 Charles A. Loud,
 Edward P. Loring,

Messrs. Henry B. Lovering,
 Julius M. Lyon,
 Albert Mason,
 Horace H. Mayhew,
 Edward McCleave,
 James L. Merritt,
 Albert Montague,
 John B. Moore,
 John F. Moors,
 Joseph B. Morss,
 Avery W. Nelson,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Porter Nutting,
 Lysander J. Orcutt,
 Charles S. Osgood,
 Albert Palmer,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 James O. Parker,
 Richard Pope,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Charles L. Pratt,
 Henry L. Pratt,
 J. A. Rich,
 Nathaniel J. Rust,
 Cyrus Savage,
 John Shaw,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 J. K. C. Sleeper,
 Moses Smith,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 James G. Tarr,
 Michael F. Wells,
 T. W. Wellington,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Henry V. Woods,
 George C. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
 John Q. Adams,
 Joseph E. Bailey,
 Emory Banister,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 Stephen F. Blaney,
 William E. Blunt,
 Fred'k L. Bosworth,
 Stillman Butterworth,
 James H. Carleton,

Messrs. Jeremiah W. Coveney,
 Benjamin C. Currier,
 John Davol, Jr.,
 I. W. Derby,
 Jarvis N. Dunham,
 Edward Eaton,
 Joseph M. Eaton,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 James E. Estabrook,
 George O. Fairbanks,

Messrs. Joseph E. Fiske,
 George S. Gates,
 Ziba Gay,
 Samuel S. Ginnodo,
 F. E. Gray,
 Gayton M. Hall,
 Solomon E. Hallett,
 Samuel M. Haynes,
 Allen Higginbottom,
 Joseph W. Hill,
 George Hodges,
 T. M. House,
 Edward G. Hull,
 James D. Hurlbut,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Jonathan Johnson,
 Elbridge G. Kelley,
 Charles H. Killam,
 Moses Kimball,
 George P. Kingsley,
 William S. Knox,
 Daniel J. Lewis,
 Willard Lewis,
 Samuel Loring,
 Aaron Low,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 Lyman Mason,
 David Mayhew,
 Daniel McCowan,
 John J. McNutt,

Messrs. Andrew M. Morton,
 William H. Murray,
 W. Stanley Newhall,
 Reuben Noble,
 Richard Olney,
 William E. Perkins,
 Smith R. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Lawrence Reade,
 J. A. G. Richardson,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 Nathaniel Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 Charles L. Shaw,
 Warren Sibley,
 William L. Slade,
 Abraham H. Smith,
 George D. Smalley,
 Ezra Stearns,
 John H. Studley,
 George W. Taft,
 Artemas S. Tyler,
 Warren Tyler,
 Leonard Washburn,
 Cyrus M. Wheaton,
 Simon H. White,
 William Whiting,
 Henry W. Wilson,
 Henry W. Wright.

Yeas, 89 ; nays, 80.

The bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed by a vote of 111 to 28, and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in relation to impounding reservoirs was read and considered.

Mr. Loud of Winchendon moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, pending which motion, the House Adjourned.

SATURDAY, June 27, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of Brockton.

Papers from the Senate.

A resolve relating to the South Boston Flats as terminal grounds for railroads; and Railroad terminus.

A bill to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and placed at the end of the orders of the day for a second reading to-day, on motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy. Hoosac Tunnel.

A bill to establish the salary of the first clerk of the adjutant-general, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, took its several readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, under a suspension of the rules. Adjutant-general.

The report of the committee on Railways, on certain orders and petitions concerning grade crossings of railroads, highways and town-ways, sent up for concurrence, came back accepted as taken into new reports, which were severally accepted in concurrence. Railroad grade crossings.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Bigelow of Boston, a resolve in relation to the codification of insurance laws. Under a suspension of the rules, the resolve took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Insurance laws.

By Mr. Olney of Boston, a bill to enlarge the power of cities and towns to make ordinances and by-laws, and concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Liquors.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, a bill in addition to an act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading. The House refused to suspend the rules to allow the bill to take its several readings. Appropriation bill.

By Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald of Boston, from the committee on Woman Suffrage, reference to the next General Court, on the several petitions asking for municipal and presi- Woman suffrage.

dential suffrage for women. Accepted, under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Sharon and
Walpole.

By Mr. Mason of Boston, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of F. W. Bird, a bill to amend an act entitled an act to annex a portion of the town of Sharon to the town of Walpole. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Close of session.

Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the joint special committee appointed to consider and report at what time the present legislature can be prorogued, reported that both branches should be prorogued on Saturday, June 27, at five o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Mr. Howes of Dennis, the report was amended to read "June 30, at four, P. M.," in place of June 27, and, as amended, was, under a suspension of the rule, accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Divorce.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill relating to divorce, reported that it ought to pass with amendments. Placed at the end of the orders of the day for a second reading.

Norwich and
Worcester R. R.

By Mr. Jenkins of Rockland, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate bill concerning the sinking fund of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company created by chapter 134 of the acts of 1854, ought not to pass. The bill was rejected under a suspension of the rule.

Widows' Asso-
ciation.
Woman's Bap-
tist Society.

By Mr. Adams of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate bills to incorporate the Boston Mutual Widows' and Orphans' Association, and to incorporate the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society, ought not to pass.

Severally placed at the end of the orders of the day, the question being on the rejection of the bills.

Sharon—burial
ground.

By Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the bill to authorize the selectmen of Sharon to remove certain remains from a burial ground in said town be referred to the next General Court. Placed at the end of the orders of the day, the question being on the reference.

Pay-roll.

Mr. T. F. Fitz Gerald of Boston, from the committee on the Pay Roll, on an order directing them to make up the pay roll of members of the House, reported the following order, which, at the request of Mr. Kimball of Boston, was laid over until Monday :—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury to the members of the House of Representatives, the sums set against their names in the accompanying schedule, amounting to one hundred and eighty thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, for attendance at the present session of the General Court.

Veto Message.

The bill regulating the sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquor, which had passed to be enacted by both branches, was returned by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, with his objections thereto, which were as follows :—

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, June 27, 1874.

To the House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN :—No more important question can be presented to us in the discharge of our official duties than that concerning the traffic in spirituous liquors. The results involved in any decision that may be made are so momentous, and the consequences so grave and wide-reaching, that in discussing the issue we ought to lay aside personal and party considerations of every kind and be influenced solely by the obligations we owe to our fellow-men and the solemn trusts we have taken upon ourselves in behalf of the Commonwealth. Called upon to consider the "Bill regulating the sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquor," I must act on my oath and my conscience, appealing for my justification, not alone to the enlightened judgment of the people of Massachusetts, but to that Power which is superior to all human authority and infallibly tries the hearts of men.

If we admit that there may be a use of intoxicating liquors so guarded and temperate that no appreciable evil arises therefrom, it is still the unanimous verdict of the civilized world, supported by a weight of evidence not to be overthrown, that the use of alcoholic fluids is the cause of much the largest proportion of the crime and degradation and misery falling to the lot of man. Among good citizens there is no essential disagreement on the point that the traffic in such fluids must be restrained and limited as far as possible. Difference of opinion arises only when we consider whether it is best to try to regulate the sale of these fluids or prohibit it altogether. If we adopt the latter course we are at least in harmony with the methods

adopted by general consent toward other offences against public morals,—offences which we must confess exist to a great extent among us in spite of our efforts to prevent them, and yet upon which the law, so far as its precept goes, stamps the seal of prohibition.

The history of the struggle with the evils of intemperance is most instructive. The earliest attempts to check the use of intoxicating liquors were in the direction of license and regulation. These attempts continued in this Commonwealth for more than two hundred years, with a constantly increasing stringency, which can only be explained on the ground that mild measures were found to be insufficient, until, in 1855, the experiment was determined upon of adopting entire prohibition as the only logical and effective method of dealing with the matter. Without asserting that this has proved so successful in overcoming the evils it was meant to remedy, as was hoped by those who initiated and those who sustain the prohibitory policy, I am fully of the opinion that more progress has been made toward the desired end than was ever before made in the same period under any other system.

In considering what has been accomplished, we must recognize the great changes that have taken place since this system was inaugurated. Our rural districts have undergone a gradual depopulation, and large numbers of our young men have become massed in cities, away from the restraints of home; we have been subjected to the demoralizing influences inseparable from civil war long continued; and the necessity or pressure of business has forced us into a feverishness or restlessness of life that rapidly wears and wastes. Exactly what the effect upon public morals would have been, had the sale of intoxicating liquors, especially in our cities, been free and open under color of law during the past sixteen or eighteen years, no one can assume with positiveness to declare; but I am quite confident that no Commonwealth in which the license system has prevailed can point to nobler records of achievement in material interests, intellectual pursuits, or moral reforms, and equally certain that we could not have made greater progress in any good direction under a law promotive of the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

So far as attempts have been made to compromise the two systems of prohibition and license, by legalizing sales through druggists and town agents, or by permitting the unrestricted sale of malt liquors and light intoxicants, the

results have been unsatisfactory. Abuses of the grossest character were found to creep in at once where any privileges were granted, and subsequent legislatures have been obliged to repeal what seemed to be on the passage most carefully guarded enactments of a restrictive character. Compromise in this regard that shall not be abused in the most flagrant manner, all experience with which I am familiar proves to be an impossibility. If intemperance is not our inexorable doom, if the poverty and wretchedness and crime brought on by the use of intoxicating liquors are not our inevitable heritage, what can we do better than to set ourselves in unyielding opposition to the traffic which promotes them !

I am aware that it is said intemperance increases under our prohibitory law,—that the sale of intoxicants is as great as it would be under a license law ; but I call your attention to the absence here of the flaunting and attractive bar-rooms that spread their snares to capture the thoughtless and easily tempted in cities where licenses prevail ; to the constantly growing sense of disfavor with which the liquor traffic is regarded by the community generally ; and to the powerful, systematic and unrelenting activity of those interested in it to break down the law and the officers who try to enforce it. Here is evidence that the statute does impose an effective and crippling restraint, from which relief is sought in the elastic and easily evaded provisions of license. Even if some sincere friends of temperance prefer a stringent license law to a prohibitory system, there can be no denial that the men who have money and business at stake in this contest, are the most ardent and urgent advocates of license, and I cannot doubt that they understand themselves and calculate shrewdly the advantage they will gain.

It is easy to mistake the clamor of interested parties for the voice of the people. When I seek to ascertain what the latter really is, I recall that the license law elaborated with so much care in 1868 was permitted to remain on the statute books only till the people could next be heard at the ballot-box. With the single exception that public bars are prohibited, the measure now under consideration is in no essential point better, and in some respects I think it less stringent than that was. The notorious evasions of that law, and the open way in which all intoxicants were then sold under the protection of innholder's and victualler's licenses, demonstrated the powerlessness

of such enactments to protect the community against the evils of intemperance. And the pending bill seems to me simply a prohibitory measure, with exceptions that totally destroy its moral force as an instrument for the promotion of temperance and the well-being of our people.

It is objected to our present liquor law that the enforcement of it is irregular and unequal. Admitting this to be true for the sake of argument, what assurance have we that a license law would be more thoroughly enforced? Are the penalties imposed any more severe? Are there any greater incentives to officers or citizens to do their duty? The prohibitory legislation of 1855 had its origin in the deep-settled conviction that the license law of that period was virtually a dead-letter. The law of 1868 was violated with such open and reckless impunity that it became a mockery in the eyes of the people. In our sister States where the license system now prevails there is a daily burden of complaint that its penalties are defied and its provisions evaded on every hand. Where is the proof that the local police and magistrates who refrain from efforts to enforce the prohibitory law would faithfully and energetically and persistently enforce a license law? It is not furnished by our experience, nor by the experience of any other Commonwealth.

Nor is the argument at all conclusive to my mind, that we should not retain upon our statute books a law that is in advance of public opinion on this subject. Law is, in one sense, a guide-board, pointing out the course of conduct which, if followed, will secure the greatest degree of good and happiness and safety for all. Therefore, it must often be largely ideal in its character, and, frequently, in advance of the general conduct of those subject to it, that it may be an instructor and elevator, as well as a source of restriction and punishment. To a law committing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to a public acknowledgment that the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is necessary and desirable, I cannot, on my conscience, give assent. It seems to me that the only safe and sound position for a Christian community to take in regard to this matter is that of absolute and unqualified opposition to the traffic.

When I think of the victims to the use of intoxicating liquors in every village of the Commonwealth; when I study the great field over which our board of state charities has supervision; when I consider our almshouses and hos-

pitals and homes for the fallen and friendless ; when I look into our jails and workhouses and houses of correction and the state prison ; and when I try to compute the loss and charges upon all our industries, by reason of imperfect labor, and the taxes for the support of these institutions for reformation and punishment, my judgment unqualifiedly condemns, and my heart and my manhood rebel against, any system that would permit the great source of all this wrong and misery and crime to exist by authority of the Commonwealth. My convictions against the policy of such a system are too strong ; my desire for the welfare and progress of the people is too ardent, and my official responsibilities are too solemn and resistless, for me to hesitate in doing the duty laid upon me. I therefore return the bill entitled, "an act regulating the sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquor," to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, without executive sanction.

THOMAS TALBOT.

Pending the question, "Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor?" on motion of Mr. Wiley of Boston, it was ordered that the vote be taken at three o'clock, P. M., on Monday.

After debate, on motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence, it was voted that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until Monday.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To cede jurisdiction to the United States over lands acquired for light-house purposes ;

To amend an act concerning commercial fertilizers ;

Relative to the improvement of the navigation of the South Bay ;

To incorporate the Barre Falls Reservoir Company ;

To establish the salary of the first clerk of the adjutant-general ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

To authorize the county commissioners of Hampshire County to re-locate and discontinue certain highways in the towns of Northampton and Williamsburg ;

To amend an act to establish the second district court of eastern Worcester ;

To amend chapter 158 of the acts of 1874, relating to the Rockland Bank ; and

To provide for taking the industrial statistics and decennial census of the Commonwealth ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of the widow of George Derby, deceased ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

and

Assigning rooms for the state police ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

A resolve instructing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next General Court in relation to the petition of Scudder, Bartlett and Company, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve in relation to impounding reservoirs was further considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Codman of Boston and Cole of Cheshire, were severally adopted, and the resolve, as amended, was then rejected.

Subsequently, Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg moved to reconsider the vote rejecting the resolve, which was carried by a vote of 66 to 20.

A count of the House being had, it appeared that a quorum was not present, and the House
Adjourned.

MONDAY, June 29, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Fitchburg R. R.

A bill to authorize the Fitchburg Railroad Company to construct additional tracks, relocate portions of its own and of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad, and for other purposes, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

The report of the committee of conference on the differences between the two branches on the bill relating to Sunderland Bridge, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, was accepted in concurrence. Sunderland Bridge.

A resolution relative to the poem on Charles Sumner, written by John G. Whittier, was passed in concurrence. Chas. Sumner.

The bill to change the name of the Duxbury Wharf Company, and for other purposes, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, took its several readings under a suspension of the rules, but objection being made to the suspension of the rule requiring its reference to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, it was referred to that committee. Duxbury Wharf Co.

Taken from the Table.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on the opinion of the judges of the supreme judicial court, referred to the committee with instructions to consider the expediency of reporting a bill declaring women eligible to serve as members of school committees, was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, and, on his motion, the report was amended by substituting therefor a bill to declare women eligible to serve on school committees. Under a suspension of the rules, the bill took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Women as school committees.

Mr. Fiske of Needham offered the following order, which was laid over until to-morrow :—

Ordered, That hereafter all speeches shall be limited to five minutes, and that no extension of time shall be granted, except by unanimous consent. Time of debate.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Olney of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the bill to enlarge the power of cities and towns to make ordinances and by-laws, and concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, ought to pass, Mr. Loring, of the committee, dissenting. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow. Liquors.

Orders of the Day.

The vote on reconsidering the rejection of the resolve in relation to impounding reservoirs was verified by a count, Orders of the day.

and the motion to reconsider prevailed. The question recurring on passing the resolve to be engrossed, Mr. Haskins of Fitchburg moved to amend by substituting for the bill the following order:—

Ordered, That a committee of two on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to sit during the recess, with authority to visit, examine and hear evidence with reference to the necessity of further legislation to provide for the supervision, construction and maintenance of "impounding reservoirs," and report to the next General Court.

The order was substituted, adopted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches of the legislature on the bill to incorporate the Anderson School of Natural History, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The House concurred in the Senate amendments to the bill to prevent fraud at elections in cities, contrary to the recommendations of the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill to establish county auditors, and for other purposes, was referred to the next General Court, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on the Judiciary.

Resolves :

In favor of Albert Montague ; and

In favor of Charles A. Perry ; also,

Bills :

To incorporate the Boston Mutual Widows' and Orphans' Association ; and

To incorporate the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society ;
Were severally rejected.

The report of the joint special committee, inexpedient to legislate, on the report of the Commissioners to the Exposition at Vienna, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the city of Boston to obtain a further supply of pure water, and establish and maintain reservoirs for the storage of water in the Mystic Valley ;

Relating to deposits in savings banks ;

In addition to an act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ;

Concerning divorces (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary) ; and

To amend an act entitled an act to annex a portion of the town of Sharon to the town of Walpole (amended on motion of Mr. Billings of Sharon) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill regulating the sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquor was further considered. After debate, the vote was taken at three o'clock, P. M., in accordance with the order of the House on Saturday, and the roll being called, the bill was rejected, two-thirds not having voted in the affirmative on the question, "Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor?"

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
John Q. Adams,
Andrew Athy,
Patrick Barry,
George Bartholmesz,
William G. Bassett,
John Bigelow,
Samuel P. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Richard D. Blinn,
John C. Blood,
Dennis Bonner,
Stillman Butterworth,
Aaron O. Buxton,
James H. Carleton,
Charles R. Codman,
Patrick Collins,
Austin H. Connell,
Henry J. Couch,
Jeremiah W. Coveney,
John Cummings,
John A. Cummings,
Benjamin C. Currier,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Henry C. Davis,
John Davol, Jr.,
I. W. Derby,
Augustus B. Endicott,
James E. Estabrook,

Messrs. John E. Fitzgerald,
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,
William Frost,
Thomas Gates,
Ziba Gay,
William B. Gibson,
John J. Giles,
Samuel S. Gleason,
Andrew J. Gove,
Brownell Granger,
Charles Hale,
Horace Haskins,
Joshua P. Haskell,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Samuel M. Haynes,
Benjamin Heath,
Allen Higginbottom,
Joseph W. Hill,
James E. Hill,
N. E. Hollis,
Francis M. Hughes,
Edward G. Hull,
Jonathan Johnson,
George W. Jones,
Edward J. Jones,
Thomas M. Judd,
Elbridge G. Kelley,
George P. Kingsley,
Lucius W. Knight,
William S. Knox,

Messrs. Samuel O. Lamb,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Joseph C. Little,
 Samuel Loring,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 John T. Manny,
 Edward McCleave,
 Daniel McCowan,
 John J. McNutt,
 Joseph B. Morss,
 Andrew M. Morton,
 W. Stanley Newhall,
 Reuben Noble,
 Richard Olney,
 Almon M. Orcutt,
 Charles S. Osgood,
 Albert Palmer,
 James O. Parker,
 William E. Perkins,
 Smith R. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Richard Pope,
 Henry L. Pratt,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 Lawrence Reade,

Messrs. J. A. G. Richardson,
 John W. Rice,
 Nathaniel J. Rust,
 Cyrus Savage,
 John Savery,
 Nathaniel Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 Charles L. Shaw,
 Henry P. Shattuck,
 Joshua B. Smith,
 Albert Smith,
 Richard H. Stearns,
 Ezra Stearns,
 Isaac Stebbins,
 John H. Studley,
 Daniel J. Sweeney,
 George W. Taft,
 Daniel H. Thurston,
 Artemas S. Tyler,
 Michael F. Wells,
 T. W. Wellington,
 Moses Williams, Jr.,
 James B. Williams,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Henry W. Wilson.

NAYS.

Messrs. William Abbott,
 Charles Alden,
 Joseph E. Bailey,
 Emory Banister,
 John H. Bell,
 Robert R. Bishop,
 Sanford W. Billings,
 William E. Blunt,
 Fred'k L. Bosworth,
 Samuel H. Boutwell,
 Reuben Boynton,
 Richard Britton,
 William B. Brown,
 James N. Buffum,
 Alonzo A. Carr,
 Cyrus W. Chapman,
 Damon E. Cheney,
 Francis E. Clark,
 L. J. Cole,
 Francis C. Curtis,
 John Cushing,
 Thomas S. Cushman,
 Edward Eaton,

Messrs. Joseph M. Eaton,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 C. C. Field,
 John H. Fisher,
 Joseph E. Fiske,
 Eustace C. Fitz,
 George S. Gates,
 Addison Gilbert,
 Samuel S. Ginnodo,
 Elbridge H. Goss,
 Nahum B. Hall,
 Solomon E. Hallett,
 Abraham W. Harris,
 John F. Haskins,
 John B. Hill,
 T. M. House,
 Benjamin Howard,
 David P. Howes,
 Andrew Howes,
 James D. Hurlbut,
 Richardson Hutchinson,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Edward J. Johnson,

Messrs. Erastus Jones,
 Charles H. Killam,
 Henry D. Lay,
 Daniel J. Lewis,
 Willard Lewis,
 Lewis Lombard,
 Charles A. Loud,
 Edward P. Loring,
 Aaron Low,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 Julius M. Lyon,
 Lyman Mason,
 Horace H. Mayhew,
 David Mayhew,
 James L. Merritt,
 Albert Montague,
 John F. Moors,
 Avery W. Nelson,
 Edward O. Noyes,
 Lysander J. Orcutt,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 Francis E. Porter,
 Charles L. Pratt,
 D. Franklin Reed,

Messrs. J. A. Rich,
 Joshua C. Robinson,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 Joseph W. Rogers,
 William R. Roundy,
 George J. Sanger,
 L. H. Sawin,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 John Shaw,
 Henry Shortle,
 Warren Sibley,
 William L. Slade,
 J. K. C. Sleeper,
 Moses Smith,
 Abraham H. Smith,
 George D. Smalley,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 James G. Tarr,
 Leonard Washburn,
 William Whiting,
 Samuel Winslow,
 Henry V. Woods,
 George C. Wright.

Yeas, 110 ; nays, 93.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, that the bill to authorize the selectmen of Sharon to remove certain remains from a burial ground in said town should be referred to the next General Court, was not accepted. The bill was then substituted for the report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs (leave to withdraw) on the petition of the selectmen of Sharon, and was ordered to a second reading.

The bill to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes, was considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Bigelow and Hale of Boston, were ordered to be printed, and, pending their consideration, the House Adjourned.

TUESDAY, June 30, 1874.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Papers from the Senate.*Troy and
Greenfield R. R.

The House bill to provide for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad came down with amendments, in which the House concurred.

Priscilla Free-
man.

A resolve in favor of Priscilla Freeman, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was rejected by the House.

City and town
debts.

Notice was received that the Senate had rejected the House bill relating to indebtedness of cities and towns.

John Kelley et
als.

The House resolve in favor of John Kelley, George Hayes, Daniel O'Grady and Thomas Plunkett came down with Senate amendments, in which the House concurred.

*Introduced on Leave.*Committees
sitting during
the recess.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, a resolve in relation to commissions, commissioners and committees sitting during the recess, which took its several readings and was passed to be engrossed under a suspension of the rules, and sent up for concurrence.

Election frauds.

An engrossed bill to prevent frauds at elections in cities (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed to be enacted.

Mr. Codman of Boston subsequently moved a reconsideration of the vote, which was carried and the bill was rejected.

Time of debate.

The order offered by Mr. Fiske of Needham, limiting the time of members in debate, and laid over from yesterday, was adopted.

Pay-roll.

The report of the committee on the Pay-Roll, with the order and schedule, was recommitted to the committee, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston.

Subsequently the same committee reported a new order, as follows:—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury to the members of the House of Representatives the sums set against their names in the accompanying schedule, amounting to one hundred and eighty thousand four hundred and ninety dollars and forty-eight cents

(\$180,490.48), for attendance at the present session of the General Court.

The committee also recommended the passage of a resolve in favor of Albert Montague, Henry D. Lay, F. Edward Gray and Nathaniel J. Rust, which, under a suspension of the rule requiring its reference to the committee on Finance, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Albert Montague et als.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To require certain public officers to give bonds, and for other purposes ;

To provide for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To change the name of the Duxbury Wharf Company, and for other purposes ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves passed.

Instructing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next General Court in relation to the petition of Scudder, Bartlett & Co. ; and

Relative to the codification of the insurance laws ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate bill to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes, was further considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Hale and Bigelow of Boston and Adams of Quincy were adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading. Under a suspension of the rules, the bill was read a third time, amended on motion of Mr. Adams of Quincy, passed to be engrossed in concurrence and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

Orders of the day.

Subsequently, the bill was returned from the Senate, that branch non-concurring in the House amendments, and asking for a committee of conference, Messrs. Verry, Bacon and Bailey being appointed on its part. The House agreed to the request for a committee of conference, and

Messrs. Adams of Quincy, Hale of Boston and Olney of Boston were joined on its part.

The bill to authorize the selectmen of Sharon to remove certain remains from a burial ground in said town was read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to enlarge the power of cities and towns to make ordinances and by-laws, and concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, was read and rejected.

The resolve relating to the South Boston Flats, as terminal grounds for railroads, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, and ordered to a third reading. Under a suspension of the rules, the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to authorize the Fitchburg Railroad Company to construct additional tracks, relocate portions of its own and of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad, and for other purposes, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, and ordered to a third reading. Subsequently, under a suspension of the rules, it was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to change the name of the Duxbury Wharf Company, and for other purposes, reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the city of Boston to obtain a further supply of pure water, and establish and maintain reservoirs for the storage of water in the Mystic Valley (amended on motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston) ;

In addition to an act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes (amended on motion of Messrs. Kimball and Hale of Boston) ; and

To amend an act entitled an act to annex a portion of the town of Sharon to the town of Walpole ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Relating to deposits in savings banks ; and

Concerning divorces ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Judd of Lee, a bill to authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation to aid in the construction of the Lee and Hudson Railroad. B. and A. R. R.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, a resolve concerning the printing of laws relating to elections. Under a suspension of the rules, this bill and resolve took their several readings, were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Election laws.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Clerks of the two branches cause to be prepared and printed, before the meeting of the next General Court, twenty-five hundred copies of so much of the Legislative Manual as may be practicable, on the general plan of the present year. Manual.

The following order, adopted by the Senate, was non-concurred in :—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions be authorized to visit the military asylum at Togus during the recess of the legislature. Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

The House bill to authorize the city of Boston to obtain a further supply of pure water, and establish and maintain reservoirs for the storage of water in the Mystic Valley, came down with amendments, in which the House concurred. Boston—water supply.

A resolve in favor of Charles E. Barnard, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, under a suspension of the rules. Chas. E. Barnard.

A bill in addition to an act to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and rejected. Hoosac Tunnel.

The report of the committee of conference on the differences between the two branches on the bill to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes, that the bill should pass in the form presented by said committee, was accepted in concurrence. Do.

**Appropriation
bill.**

The House bill in addition to an act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes, came down with amendments, in the first of which the House concurred, non-concurring in the other two.

Bills passed.**Engrossed bills :**

To authorize a loan for the construction of a state prison and a reformatory prison for women, and to establish a sinking fund for the same, and for the Danvers Lunatic Hospital Loan ;

To declare women eligible to serve as members of school committees ;

To amend an act entitled an act to annex a portion of the town of Sharon to the town of Walpole ;

To authorize the city of Boston to obtain a further supply of pure water and establish and maintain reservoirs for the storage of water in the Mystic Valley ;

To authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation to aid in the construction of the Lee and Hudson Railroad ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Relating to deposits in savings banks ;

Concerning divorces ;

To incorporate the trustees of the Anderson School of Natural History ;

To authorize the Fitchburg Railroad Company to construct additional tracks, relocate portions of its own and of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

**Resolves
passed.****Engrossed resolves :**

In relation to commissions, commissioners and committees sitting during the recess ;

In favor of James Kelley, George Hayes, Daniel O'Grady, George C. Bucknam, Joseph Simpson and Thomas Plunkett ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Relating to the South Boston flats as terminal grounds for railroads ;

In favor of Charles E. Barnard ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

The following committees, ordered by the House, to sit during the recess, were announced by the Speaker:—

On the resolve relative to painting and repairs of the State house.
state house, Messrs. Kimball and Wiley of Boston.

On the order relative to impounding reservoirs, Messrs. Reservoirs.
Currier of Newburport and Gay of Chelmsford.

On county expenditures, Messrs. Cummings of Woburn, County ex-
Johnson of Lowell, Lamb of Greenfield, Parker of New penditures.
Bedford and Bassett of Easthampton.

On motion of Mr. Cummings of Woburn, the papers do.
submitted by the committee on Finance in relation to
county expenditures were taken from the files and referred
to the last-named committee.

Orders of the Day.

The resolve in favor of Albert Montague, Henry D. Orders of the
Lay, F. Edward Gray and Nathaniel J. Rust was read day.
and rejected.

The order reported by the committee on the Pay-Roll
was amended so as to make the amount appropriated
\$180,665.96, and as amended was adopted.

The schedule reported by the committee was also
amended by inserting the sum of \$750 against the names
of Henry D. Lay and Albert Montague, respectively.

The bill to authorize the selectmen of Sharon to remove
certain remains from a burial ground in said town was
read, amended on motion of Messrs Hull of Stockbridge
and Adams of Waltham, passed to be engrossed and sent
up for concurrence.

Mr. Codman of Boston being in the chair, Mr. Adams Thanks to
of Quincy offered the following resolutions:— Speaker.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives regards
the faithful, able and impartial performance of the impor-
tant and delicate functions of his office by the Honorable
John E. Sanford, the Speaker of the House, as eminently
worthy of cordial recognition by the House.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives does
accordingly heartily thank the Speaker for the very courte-
ous, dignified and acceptable manner in which he has dis-
charged his high and difficult duty.

After remarks by Messrs. Adams of Quincy, Mason of Plymouth, Palmer of Boston, Tyler of Lowell, Parker of Methuen and Bishop of Newton, the resolutions were unanimously passed by a rising vote.

The Speaker resumed the chair and spoke as follows:—

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

These words of parting remind us that our duties are drawing to a close. We welcome gladly a release from long and wearisome service. There comes, too, a feeling of regret that the personal relations which we have here sustained—so intimate and pleasant—are about to be dissolved.

As I review the days spent here together, I am conscious of a debt of gratitude which words cannot repay. For the confidence which, on the first day of the session, assigned this place to me by all of your votes, for the like expression of your approval in the resolution just adopted, and not less for the unfailing kindness and courtesy received day by day from each of you, I can only give you my heartfelt thanks.

You know how delicate are some of the duties of the Chair. The presiding officer of a body like this is often called upon to act and decide without a moment's warning or chance for premeditation. You have given me on every occasion your ready indulgence and support. I am only sure of a constant purpose to act with all fairness and fidelity. If I have failed in my duty or erred toward any of you, I ask your generous judgment and forgetfulness.

Our session, gentlemen, has been a long and eventful one. The death of Mr. Sumner came upon us in the midst of our work, not only as an unspeakable loss, but with the burden of an unexpected duty. Fortunately it was delayed until after one of your number had borne to him the assurance that he still enjoyed the honor and confidence of the legislature, which had so often chosen him to his high office. In the election which ensued, like a mariner surprised by a sudden tempest in an unknown sea, without prepared chart or certain observation, we were driven about for many days in peril of serious damage if not total loss. I judge that the interruptions and diversion of thought incident to the canvass and to the tributes of respect to the memory and fame of the great senator, have prolonged our session nearly or quite a month.

I should perhaps be justified by precedent, if I were to break on this occasion the accustomed silence of the Chair, and to indulge in some of the reflections which a retrospect of the session, with its varying record of success and failure, so abundantly suggests. But on this mid-summer day—a day in the calendar on which the voice of the legislator has not been wont to be heard in these halls—I forego my privilege, and forbear to delay the final hour of prorogation. I only ask to record my judgment that no House of Representatives, within my own observation, has assembled with a better purpose or a larger ability for the prompt discharge of its duties; and that the tedious delays and ultimate failure to solve the problem of utilizing the Hoosac Tunnel are due in part to causes beyond your control, but chiefly to the inherent difficulty which a body constituted like the legislature must always find in dealing with questions of business management and practical detail. Such questions are not within the legitimate province of the law-making power. It never was, and never will be, its appropriate function to solve them.

I must not omit to express my obligations to our accomplished Clerk. A rule of the present House has imposed on the Chair the duty of inspecting the record of each day's proceedings. I have thus had ample opportunity to know how important and manifold are the duties of our recording officer, and how well they have been in fact performed. I am sure you will join me in the hope that future legislatures may enjoy his genial and competent services.

To the Sergeant-at-Arms, whose skill and courtesy are equal to every occasion, and to all of his obliging assistants, I also return our common thanks for their cheerful and constant attentions. Nor will I forget my reverend friend, the Chaplain, who has daily lifted our thoughts heavenward, in words simple, earnest and appropriate, to the Source of all wisdom. Our best wishes attend him as he seeks on foreign shores recreation and health.

We separate with ranks not quite unbroken. Two, to whom places had been assigned with us, did not live to occupy them; and one seat is but freshly vacant. Our honored and lamented associate (Mr. Dickinson of Amherst), among the ripest of our number in years and wisdom, conspicuous as a friend of learning and for high official service in the state and nation, respected and trusted for his firm integrity, was stricken down at his post in the midst of duty. The voice to which we listened

at noonday was silent at the going down of the sun. For him it was well. Death could not come to him unseasonably to close an honorable and well-spent life.

Our session, gentlemen, has been one of unusual personal decorum and harmony, and we shall part, all of us, with mutual kindness and respect. I shall carry away a lasting sense of my obligations to each of you. Accept my grateful and cordial parting wish, that the blessings of happiness and prosperity may attend you to your homes, and, whether in public or private station, abide with you always.

Thanks to
Clerk.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg offered the following resolution, which was unanimously passed by a rising vote:—

Resolved, That the thanks of the House be and hereby are tendered to the Clerk, for the courteous and efficient manner in which he has performed all the duties of his office during the present session of the legislature.

Thanks to Ser-
geant-at-Arms.

Mr. Buffum of Lynn offered the following resolution, which was unanimously passed:—

Resolved, That we offer the acknowledgments of the House to the Sergeant-at-Arms and his several assistants, for the very courteous, able and faithful manner in which they have performed their official duties during the present session of the legislature.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Boston, the House took a recess until seven o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Thanks to
Chaplain.

Mr. Bigelow of Boston offered the following resolution, which was unanimously passed:—

Resolved, That the thanks of the House of Representatives are tendered to Rev. Robert G. Seymour for his very appropriate and satisfactory services as their Chaplain during this session, and the hope is expressed that he may return from his trip abroad with renewed health and vigor.

Papers from the Senate.

Chaplains, &c.

A resolve providing additional compensation for the Chaplains and Assistant Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and rejected.

Information was received that the Senate had rejected the House bill to authorize the selectmen of Sharon to remove certain remains from a burial ground in said town.

A bill relative to indorsers of promissory notes, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read. The rule was suspended requiring the reference of the bill to a committee, and objection being made to its being read a second time, the question was put, "Shall the bill be rejected?" and it was negatived. Under a suspension of the rules, the bill then took its second and third readings, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the finances of the Commonwealth, reported a bill in further addition to an act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes. Under a suspension of the rules, the bill took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence, having been amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston.

The bill was subsequently sent down by the Senate with an amendment, adding an appropriation of three hundred dollars for additional compensation for the Assistant Clerk of that branch.

The House non-concurred in the amendment, and the bill was subsequently again returned by the Senate, which insisted on its amendment.

A motion by Mr. Judd of Lee, that the House reconsider its non-concurrence in the Senate amendment, was lost, and the House insisted on its non-concurrence.

The bill was again returned by the Senate, with a request for a committee of conference, Messrs. Merrill, Verry and Learned being appointed on its part. The House agreed to the request, and Messrs. Blunt of Haverhill, Knox of Lawrence and Howes of Reading, were joined to the committee on its part.

The committee of conference subsequently reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, being unable to agree; which report was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was subsequently returned by the Senate, with the indorsement that that branch adhered to its amendment.

A message was subsequently received from the Senate, asking the return of the bill to that branch, which was agreed to, and the bill was accordingly returned to the Senate.

South Boston flats.

The Speaker appointed, as the committee on the part of the House, under the resolve relating to the South Boston Flats as terminal grounds for railroads, Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Fairbanks of Fall River and Wilson of Boston.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

In addition to an act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)
and

To provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes ;

Relative to indorsers of promissory notes ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed resolve concerning the printing of laws relating to elections (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Prorogation.

Prorogation.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee be appointed, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, to wait upon His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and inform him that the two branches of the legislature have disposed of all the public business that has been referred to them, and to request him to inform them whether any acts or resolves passed by them and submitted to him for his approval, not already reported upon, have received, or are likely to receive, his disapproval, and if so, to indicate the same, and if not, to request him, with the advice and consent of the Council, to prorogue them to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday of January next.

Messrs. Merrill, Hawes and Learned, having been appointed on the part of the Senate, the Speaker joined Messrs. Codman of Boston, Olney of Boston, Blunt of Haverhill, Sprague of Framingham, Wellington of Worcester, Loring of Fitchburg, Billings of Hatfield and Bigelow of Boston, on the part of the House.

Mr. Codman of Boston afterwards reported that the committee had attended to the duty assigned them, and that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to say that he had acted upon all matters that had been laid before him, and that the Secretary of the Commonwealth would communicate, under his direction, to the legislature, what his action had been upon the matters that had been laid before him. He further congratulated the legislature upon the close of their long session, and announced that he would forthwith accede to their wish to be prorogued.

Mr. Hale of Boston then offered the following order:—

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to wait on His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and say that the previous message of the two Houses was designed, on the part of this House, to request His Honor to prorogue the legislature in case His Honor should have either signed, or returned without his approval to the Houses in which they severally originated, the bills and resolves submitted to him at the present session; and that if His Honor understood the previous message otherwise, this House desires that its request for prorogation may be considered as withdrawn.

The order was rejected.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby it was rejected, and called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered. The roll was called, and the motion was lost by a vote of 49 yeas to 51 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William G. Bassett,
John Bigelow,
Stephen F. Blaney,
Richard D. Blinn,
John C. Blood,
William E. Blunt,
Enos W. Boise,

Messrs. Dennis Bonner,
James H. Carleton,
Damon E. Cheney,
Alfred A. Clatur,
Charles R. Codman,
Henry J. Couch,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,

Messrs. Timothy J. Dacey,
 Henry C. Davis,
 John Davol, Jr.,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 John E. Fitzgerald,
 William B. Gibson,
 F. E. Gray,
 Charles Hale,
 Samuel M. Haynes,
 Benjamin Heath,
 Allen Higginbottom,
 N. E. Hollis,
 Francis M. Hughes,
 Edward J. Jones,
 Thomas M. Judd,
 George P. Kingsley,
 Joseph C. Little,
 Edward McCleave,

Messrs. Reuben Noble,
 Richard Olney,
 Almon M. Orcutt,
 Charles S. Osgood,
 James O. Parker,
 William E. Perkins,
 Smith R. Phillips,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Henry L. Pratt,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 John Savery,
 E. H. Seymour,
 George A. Shaw,
 Charles L. Shaw,
 T. W. Wellington,
 Robert R. Wiley,
 Henry W. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Sanford W. Billings,
 Samuel P. Billings,
 Fred'k L. Bosworth,
 Samuel H. Boutwell,
 Reuben Boynton,
 Aaron O. Buxton,
 Alonzo A. Carr,
 Cyrus W. Chapman,
 Albe C. Clark,
 Francis E. Clark,
 L. J. Cole,
 Francis C. Curtis,
 I. W. Derby,
 Joseph M. Eaton,
 Lucian F. Eldridge,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Joseph E. Fiske,
 William Frost,
 George S. Gates,
 Asahel Gates,
 Abraham W. Harris,
 John F. Haskins,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Andrew Howes,
 Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Moses Kimball,

Messrs. William S. Knox,
 Daniel J. Lewis,
 Willard Lewis,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Edward P. Loring,
 Aaron Low,
 Horatio A. Lucas,
 Julius M. Lyon,
 Lyman Mason,
 Horace H. Mayhew,
 David Mayhew,
 James L. Merritt,
 Albert Montague,
 Lysander J. Orcutt,
 William C. Parker, Jr.,
 Charles L. Pratt,
 Joshua C. Robinson,
 Philip H. Robinson,
 L. H. Sawin,
 Isaac F. Sawtelle,
 William L. Slade,
 Moses Smith,
 Franklin H. Sprague,
 Henry W. Wilson,
 Henry V. Woods.

Yeas, 49 ; nays, 51.

Mr. Knox of Lawrence moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to conduct the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the House, that he might proceed to prorogue the legislature as directed by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, which was carried.

Objection being made that a quorum was not present, and a count of the House being had, it appeared that 101 members were present.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston then moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the motion was carried, and called for the yeas and nays on the question, which were ordered; and the roll being called, the motion to reconsider was lost by a vote of 36 yeas to 65 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Richard D. Blinn,
John C. Blood,
Enos W. Boise,
Dennis Bonner,
Alfred A. Clatur,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Timothy J. Dacey,
Henry C. Davis,
John Davol, Jr.,
I. W. Derby,
Augustus B. Endicott,
John E. Fitzgerald,
William B. Gibson,
F. E. Gray,
Charles Hale,
Samuel M. Haynes,
Benjamin Heath,
Allen Higginbottom,

Messrs. N. E. Hollis,
Francis M. Hughes,
Thomas M. Judd,
George P. Kingsley,
Joseph C. Little,
Edward McCleave,
Reuben Noble,
Almon M. Orcutt,
Charles S. Osgood,
Smith R. Phillips,
Willard P. Phillips,
Henry L. Pratt,
Edward B. Rankin,
John Savery,
George A. Shaw,
Charles L. Shaw,
Robert R. Wiley,
Henry W. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. William G. Bassett,
Sanford W. Billings,
Samuel P. Billings,
Stephen F. Blaney,
William E. Blunt,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,
Samuel H. Boutwell,
Reuben Boynton,
Aaron O. Buxton,
Alonzo A. Carr,
James H. Carleton,
Cyrus W. Chapman,
Damon E. Cheney,

Messrs. Albe C. Clark,
Francis E. Clark,
Charles R. Codman,
L. J. Cole,
Henry J. Couch,
Francis C. Curtis,
Joseph M. Eaton,
Lucian F. Eldridge,
George O. Fairbanks,
Joseph E. Fiske,
William Frost,
George S. Gates,
Asahel Gates,

Messrs. Abraham W. Harris, John F. Haskins, Benj. F. Hayes, Andrew Howes, John B. Hull, Nathan S. Jenkins, Edward J. Jones, Moses Kimball, William S. Knox, Daniel J. Lewis, Willard Lewis, Frederic W. Lincoln, Edward P. Loring, Aaron Low, Horatio A. Lucas, Julius M. Lyon, Lyman Mason, Albert Mason, Horace H. Mayhew, David Mayhew,	Messrs. James L. Merritt, Albert Montague, Richard Olney, Lysander J. Orcutt, William C. Parker, Jr., James O. Parker, William E. Perkins, Charles L. Pratt, Joshua C. Robinson, Philip H. Robinson, L. H. Sawin, Isaac F. Sawtelle, E. H. Seymour, William L. Slade, Moses Smith, Franklin H. Sprague, Cyrus M. Wheaton, Henry W. Wilson, Henry V. Woods.
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Yeas, 86 ; nays, 65.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth, at 3 o'clock and 20 minutes, A. M., came in and stated that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor desired him to say that of the 409 acts that had been laid before him, all had been signed by him except three, which had been returned to the branches in which they severally originated, with his objections thereto, and that of the 92 resolves that had been laid before him, all had been signed by him except three, which had become laws without his signature, and that it was his pleasure to prorogue the legislature in accordance with their request. And the Secretary of the Commonwealth accordingly declared the General Court prorogued until the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday in January next.

Attest :

GEORGE A. MARDEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

A P P E N D I X .

[No. 1.]

PROCEEDINGS IN JOINT CONVENTION

FOR THE

ELECTION OF A U. S. SENATOR.

JOINT CONVENTION FOR THE ELECTION OF A UNITED STATES SENATOR.

WEDNESDAY, March 25, 1874.

Pursuant to assignment, the two branches met in

Convention,

And the records of the two Houses in the matter of election of a senator in the congress of the United States having been read, it appeared that no election had been made on the part of either House.

The President announced that in conformity to a law of the United States it was the duty of the two branches to proceed to a vote for a senator in the congress of the United States, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. Charles Sumner.

Mr. Mayhew of Tisbury asked to be excused from voting.

The President proceeding to put the question on excusing Mr. Mayhew, Mr. Codman of Boston rose to a point of order, which, being stated, was that the motion should not be entertained, as the law of the United States touching the manner of proceeding in the convention, required that every member present should vote.

The Chair ruled that the point of order was not well taken.

Thereupon, Mr. Codman appealed from the decision of the Chair.

And the question being stated, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the convention? the vote thereon was taken, and it was carried in the affirmative; so the decision of the Chair was sustained.

And the question being taken on excusing Mr. Mayhew from voting, it was carried in the negative.

The roll of the convention was thereupon called, and the members present voted as follows, to wit:—

FIRST VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Samuel S. Gleason,	Charles S. Osgood,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	Albert Palmer,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Brownell Granger,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Charles Hale,	Henry W. Phelps,
William G. Bassett,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Smith R. Phillips,
B. T. Batcheller,	Abraham W. Harris,	Francis E. Porter,
John H. Bell,	Francis B. Hayes,	J. A. Rich,
John Bigelow,	Benjamin Heath,	Philip H. Robinson,
Samuel P. Billings,	A. Higginbottom,	Geo. D. Robinson,
S. W. Brayton,	Joseph W. Hill,	Joseph W. Rogers,
Richard Britton,	David P. Howes,	William R. Roundy,
E. P. Carpenter,	John B. Hull,	L. H. Sawin,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Jonathan Johnson,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Damon E. Cheney,	George W. Jones,	E. H. Seymour,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Thomas M. Judd,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Francis E. Clark,	Charles H. Killam,	Henry Shortle,
Alfred A. Clatur,	Edward Learned,	George D. Smalley,
L. J. Cole,	Joseph C. Little,	S. Southworth,
John A. Cummings,	Lewis Lombard,	Thomas N. Stone,
Francis C. Curtis,	George B. Loring,	John H. Studley,
John Cushing,	Charles A. Loud,	James G. Tarr,
Edward Eaton,	Horatio A. Lucas,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Julius M. Lyon,	Warren Tyler,
John B. Fairbanks,	Horace H. Mayhew,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
John H. Fisher,	Moody Merrill,	Henry S. Washburn,
Charles Fitz,	James L. Merritt,	Tisdale S. White,
George S. Gates,	Albert Montague,	Robert R. Wiley,
Asahel Gates,	Amasa Norcross,	Henry W. Wilson,
Addison Gilbert,	Lysander J. Orcutt,	Geo. C. Wright.—87.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	William Frost,	Aaron Low,
Joseph E. Bailey,	John J. Giles,	Lyman Mason,
Sanford W. Billings,	Samuel S. Ginnodo,	Albert Mason,
Robert R. Bishop,	Elbridge H. Goss,	Edward McCleave,
Stephen F. Blaney,	Gayton M. Hall,	John J. McNutt,
William E. Blunt,	Horace Haskins,	John B. Moore,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	John A. Hawes,	Avery W. Nelson,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Benjamin F. Hayes,	Edward O. Noyes,
Reuben Boynton,	Benjamin Howard,	Francis A. Nye,
William B. Brown,	Andrew Howes,	William E. Perkins,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Thos. P. Hurlbut,	Willard P. Phillips,
Charles R. Codman,	R. Hutchinson,	Charles L. Pratt,
George G. Crocker,	Edward J. Johnson,	John W. Rice,
John Cummings,	Moses Kimball,	Joshua C. Robinson,
Thos. S. Cushman,	William S. Knox,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
Jedediah Dwelley,	Jonathan A. Lane,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
Geo O. Fairbanks,	Henry D. Lay,	John E. Sanford,
C. C. Field,	Daniel J. Lewis,	George J. Sanger,
Joseph E. Fiske,	Willard Lewis,	Cyrus Savage,
Eustace C. Fitz,	Fred. W. Lincoln,	John Savery,
John W. Fletcher,	Edward P. Loring,	John Shaw,
Charles H. French,	W. C. Lovering,	William L. Slade,

Messrs. J. K. C. Sleeper,	Isaac Stebbins,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Joshua B. Smith,	Charles P. Stickney,	Simon H. White,
Moses Smith,	Artemas S. Tyler,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Abraham H. Smith,	Leonard Washburn,	Samuel Winslow,
Frank. H. Sprague,	T. W. Wellington,	Henry V. Woods.
Richard H. Stearns,		—82.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Henry Fuller,	William H. Murray,
John Q. Adams,	Jeremiah Gatchell,	Reuben Noble,
Andrew Athy,	Thomas Gates,	Richard Olney,
Horace C. Bacon,	Ziba Gay,	James O. Parker,
Emory Banister,	William B. Gibson,	Ezra Parmenter,
Patrick Barry,	Andrew J. Gove,	Richard Pope,
Richard D. Blinn,	F. E. Gray,	Edward B. Rankin,
John C. Blood,	Samuel M. Haynes,	Lawrence Reade,
Enos W. Boise,	James E. Hill,	E. P. Reed,
Dennis Bonner,	George Hodges,	J. A. G. Richardson,
S. Butterworth,	N. E. Hollis,	William F. Salmon,
James H. Carleton,	Francis M. Hughes,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Patrick Collins,	Edward G. Hull,	George A. Shaw,
Austin H. Connell,	Thomas Ingalls,	Charles L. Shaw,
Henry J. Couch,	Francis W. Jacobs,	Albert Smith,
L. L. Cushing, Jr.,	Jesse E. Keith,	Rufus Smith,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Elbridge G. Kelley,	Ezra Stearns,
Curtis Davis,	Eben Kimball,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
I. W. Derby,	Geo. P. Kingsley,	George W. Taft,
Jarvis N. Dunham,	Samuel Loring,	Hugh J. Toland,
Joseph M. Eaton,	Henry B. Lovering,	George F. Verry,
Aug. B. Endicott,	John T. Manny,	Michael F. Wells,
Jas. E. Estabrook,	Walter N. Mason,	James B. Williams,
John E. Fitzgerald,	Joseph B. Morss,	Henry W. Wright.
T. F. Fitz Gerald,	Andrew M. Morton,	—74.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken,	John F. Haskins,	John F. Moors,
Albe C. Clark,	John B. Hill,	Porter Nutting,
Edward Dickinson,	James D. Hurlbut,	Almon M. Orcutt,
Francis Edson,	Lucius W. Knight,	Warren Sibley,
Nahum B. Hall,	Samuel O. Lamb,	Wm. Whiting.—15.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz,	J. W. Coveney,	Daniel McCowan,
Aaron O. Buxton,	John Davol, Jr.,	Henry L. Pratt.—6.

For JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Messrs. Nathan S. Jenkins and W. Stanley Newhall.—2

For WENDELL PHILLIPS of Boston :

Messrs. James N. Buffum and David Mayhew.—2.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

For WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON of Boston :

Ben. C. Currier.—1.

JOINT CONVENTION FOR THE

For ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester :

Henry C. Davis.—1.

And there being no choice, the two branches separated.

THURSDAY, March 26, 1874.

The roll being called the members present voted as follows, to wit :—

SECOND VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Samuel S. Gleason,	Lysander J. Orcutt,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	Charles S. Osgood,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Brownell Granger,	Albert Palmer,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Charles Hale,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,
William G. Bassett,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Henry W. Phelps,
B. T. Bacheller,	Abraham W. Harris,	Smith R. Phillips,
John H. Bell,	Francis B. Hayes,	Francis E. Porter,
John Bigelow,	Benjamin Heath,	J. A. Rich,
Samuel P. Billings,	A. Higginbottom,	Philip H. Robinson,
S. W. Brayton,	Joseph W. Hill,	Geo. D. Robinson,
Richard Britton,	David P. Howes,	Joseph W. Rogers,
James N. Buffum,	John B. Hull,	Wm. R. Roundy,
E. P. Carpenter,	N. L. Johnson,	L. H. Sawin,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Jonathan Johnson,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Damon E. Cheney,	George W. Jones,	E. H. Seymour,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Thomas M. Judd,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Francis E. Clark,	Charles H. Killam,	Henry Shortle,
Alfred A. Clatur,	Edward Learned,	Geo. D. Smalley,
L. J. Cole,	Joseph C. Little,	Sumner Southworth,
John A. Cummings,	Lewis Lombard,	Thomas N. Stone,
John Cushing,	George B. Loring,	John H. Studley,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Charles A. Loud,	James G. Tarr,
Henry C. Davis,	Aaron Low,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Edward Eaton,	Horatio A. Lucas,	Warren Tyler,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Julius M. Lyon,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
John B. Fairbanks,	Horace H. Mayhew,	Henry S. Washburn,
John H. Fisher,	Moody Merrill,	Tisdale S. White,
Charles Fitz,	James L. Merritt,	Robert R. Wiley,
George S. Gates,	Albert Montague,	Henry W. Wilson,
Asahel Gates,	W. Stanley Newhall,	George C. Wright,
Addison Gilbert,	Amasa Norcross,	—92.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	William B. Brown,	Joseph E. Fiske,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Alonzo A. Carr,	Eustace C. Fitz,
Sanford W. Billings,	Charles R. Codman,	John W. Fletcher,
Robert R. Bishop,	George G. Crocker,	Charles H. French,
Stephen F. Blaney,	John Cummings,	William Frost,
William E. Blunt,	Ben. C. Carrier,	John J. Giles,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Jedediah Dwelley,	Samuel S. Ginnodo,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Elbridge H. Goss,
Reuben Boynton,	C. C. Field,	Gayton M. Hall,

Messrs. Horace Haskins,	Albert Mason,	John Shaw,
John F. Haskins,	David Mayhew,	William L. Slade,
John A. Hawes,	Edward McCleave,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
Benjamin F. Hayes,	John J. McNutt,	Joshua B. Smith,
Benjamin Howard,	John B. Moore,	Moses Smith,
Andrew Howes,	Avery W. Nelson,	Abraham H. Smith,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,	Edward O. Noyes,	Frank. H. Sprague,
R. Hutchinson,	Francis A. Nye,	Richard H. Stearns,
Edward J. Johnson,	William E. Perkins,	Isaac Stebbins,
Moses Kimball,	Willard P. Phillips,	Charles P. Stickney,
William S. Knox,	Charles L. Pratt,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Jonathan A. Lane,	John W. Rice,	Leonard Washburn,
Henry D. Lay,	Joshua C. Robinson,	T. W. Wellington,
Daniel J. Lewis,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Willard Lewis,	Nathaniel J. Rust,	Simon H. White,
Frederic W. Lincoln,	George J. Sanger,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Edward P. Loring,	Cyrus Savage,	Samuel Winslow,
W. C. Lovering,	John Savery,	H. V. Woods.
Lyman Mason,		—82.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Henry Fuller,	Andrew M. Morton,
John Q. Adams,	Jeremiah Gatchell,	William H. Murray,
Andrew Athy,	Thomas Gates,	Reuben Noble,
Horace C. Bacon,	Ziba Gay,	Richard Olney,
Emory Banister,	Wm. B. Gibson,	James O. Parker,
Patrick Barry,	Andrew J. Gove,	Ezra Parmenter,
Richard D. Blinn,	F. E. Gray,	Richard Pope,
John C. Blood,	Joshua P. Haskell,	Edward B. Rankin,
Enos W. Boise,	Samuel M. Haynes,	Lawrence Reade,
Dennis Bonner,	James E. Hill,	E. P. Reed,
S. Butterworth,	Geo. Hodges,	J. A. G. Richardson,
James H. Carleton,	N. E. Hollis,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Patrick Collins,	Francis M. Hughes,	George A. Shaw,
Austin H. Connell,	Edward G. Hull,	Charles L. Shaw,
Henry J. Couch,	Thomas Ingalls,	Albert Smith,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	Francis W. Jacobs,	Rufus Smith,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Jesse E. Keith,	Ezra Stearns,
Curtis Davis,	Elbridge G. Kelley,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
I. W. Derby,	Eben Kimball,	George W. Taft,
Jarvis N. Dunham,	Geo. P. Kingsley,	Hugh J. Toland,
Joseph M. Eaton,	Samuel Loring,	George F. Verry,
Aug. B. Endicott,	Henry B. Lovering,	Michael F. Wells,
James E. Estabrook,	John T. Manny,	James B. Williams,
John E. Fitzgerald,	Walter N. Mason,	H. W. Wright.
Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	Joseph B. Morss,	—74.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken,	John B. Hill,	Porter Nutting,
Albe C. Clark,	James D. Hurlbut,	Almon M. Orcutt,
Edward Dickinson,	Lucius W. Knight,	Warren Sibley,
Francis Edson,	Samuel O. Lamb,	William Whiting.
Nahum B. Hall,	John F. Moors,	—14.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz,	J. W. Coveney,	Daniel McCowan,
Aaron O. Buxton,	John Davol, Jr.,	Henry L. Pratt.—6.

JOINT CONVENTION FOR THE

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

For JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Nathan S. Jenkins.—1.

For GEORGE F. VERRY of Worcester :

William F. Salmon.—1.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

John E. Sanford.—1.

And there was no choice.

The convention proceeded again to vote, as follows:—

THIRD VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Samuel S. Gleason,	Lysander J. Orcutt,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	Charles S. Osgood,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Brownell Granger,	Albert Palmer,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Charles Hale,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,
William G. Bassett,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Henry W. Phelps,
B. T. Batcheller,	Abraham W. Harris,	Smith R. Phillips,
John H. Bell,	Francis B. Hayes,	Francis E. Porter,
John Bigelow,	Benjamin Heath,	J. A. Rich,
Samuel P. Billings,	A. Higginbottom,	Philip H. Robinson,
S. W. Brayton,	Joseph W. Hill,	Geo. D. Robinson,
Richard Britton,	David P. Howes,	Joseph W. Rogers,
James N. Buffum,	John B. Hull,	William R. Roundy,
E. P. Carpenter,	N. L. Johnson,	L. H. Sawin,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Jonathan Johnson,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Damon E. Cheney,	George W. Jones,	E. H. Seymour,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Thomas M. Judd,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Francis E. Clark,	Charles H. Killam,	Henry Shortle,
Alfred A. Clatur,	Edward Learned,	George D. Smalley,
L. J. Cole,	Joseph C. Little,	Sumner Southworth,
John A. Cummings,	Lewis Lombard,	Thomas N. Stone,
John Cushing,	George B. Loring,	John H. Studley,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Charles A. Loud,	James G. Tarr,
Henry C. Davis,	Aaron Low,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Edward Eaton,	Horatio A. Lucas,	Warren Tyler,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Julius M. Lyon,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
John B. Fairbanks,	Horace H. Mayhew,	Henry S. Washburn,
John H. Fisher,	Moody Merrill,	Tisdale S. White,
Charles Fitz,	James L. Merritt,	Robert R. Wiley,
George S. Gates,	Albert Montague,	Henry W. Wilson,
Asahel Gates,	W. Stanley Newhall,	George C. Wright,
Addison Gilbert,	Amasa Norcross,	—92.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Robert R. Bishop,	Reuben Boynton,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Stephen F. Blaney,	Fred'k L. Bosworth,
Sanford W. Billings,	William E. Blunt,	Sam'l H. Boutwell,

Messrs. William B. Brown, R. Hutchinson, Joshua C. Robinson,
 Alonzo A. Carr, Edward J. Johnson, Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
 Charles R. Codman, Moses Kimball, Nathaniel J. Rust,
 George G. Crocker, William S. Knox, George J. Sanger,
 John Cummings, Jonathan A. Lane, Cyrus Savage,
 Ben. C. Currier, Henry D. Lay, John Savery,
 Jedediah Dwelley, Daniel J. Lewis, John Shaw,
 Geo. O. Fairbanks, Willard Lewis, William L. Slade,
 C. C. Field, Frederic W. Lincoln, J. K. C. Sleeper,
 Joseph E. Fiske, Edward P. Loring, Joshua B. Smith,
 Eustace C. Fitz, W. C. Lovering, Moses Smith,
 John W. Fletcher, Lyman Mason, Abraham H. Smith,
 Charles H. French, Albert Mason, Frank. H. Sprague,
 William Frost, David Mayhew, Richard H. Stearns,
 John J. Giles, Edward McCleave, Isaac Stebbins,
 Samuel S. Ginnodo, John J. McNutt, Charles P. Stickney,
 Elbridge H. Goss, John B. Moore, Artemas S. Tyler,
 Gayton M. Hall, Avery W. Nelson, Leonard Washburn,
 Horace Haskins, Edward O. Noyes, T. W. Wellington,
 John A. Hawes, Francis A. Nye, Cyrus M. Wheaton,
 Benj. F. Hayes, William E. Perkins, Simon H. White,
 Benj. Howard, Willard P. Phillips, Moses Williams, Jr.,
 Andrew Howes, Charles L. Pratt, Samuel Winslow,
 Thomas P. Hurlbut, John W. Rice, H. V. Woods.—81.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams, Henry Fuller, Andrew M. Morton,
 John Q. Adams, Jeremiah Gatchell, William H. Murray,
 Andrew Athy, Thomas Gates, Reuben Noble,
 Horace C. Bacon, Ziba Gay, Richard Olney,
 Emory Banister, Wm. B. Gibson, James O. Parker,
 Patrick Barry, Andrew J. Gove, Ezra Parmenter,
 Richard D. Blinn, F. E. Gray, Richard Pope,
 John C. Blood, Joshua P. Haskell, Edward B. Rankin,
 Enos W. Boise, Samuel M. Haynes, Lawrence Reade,
 Dennis Bonner, James E. Hill, E. P. Reed,
 S. Butterworth, George Hodges, J. A. G. Richardson,
 James H. Carleton, N. E. Hollis, Nathaniel Seaver,
 Patrick Collins, Francis M. Hughes, George A. Shaw,
 Austin H. Connell, Edward G. Hull, Charles L. Shaw,
 Henry J. Couch, Thomas Ingalls, Albert Smith,
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr., Francis W. Jacobs, Rufus Smith,
 Timothy J. Dacey, Jesse E. Keith, Ezra Stearns,
 Curtis Davis, Elbridge G. Kelley, Daniel J. Sweeney,
 I. W. Derby, Eben Kimball, George W. Taft,
 Jarvis N. Dunham, George P. Kingsley, Hugh J. Toland,
 Joseph M. Eaton, Samuel Loring, George F. Verry,
 Aug. B. Endicott, Henry B. Lovering, Michael F. Wells,
 James E. Estabrook, John T. Manny, James B. Williams,
 John E. Fitzgerald, Walter N. Mason, Henry W. Wright,
 Thos. F. Fitz Gerald, Joseph B. Morss, —74.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken, John F. Haskins, John F. Moors,
 Albe C. Clark, John B. Hill, Porter Nutting,
 Edward Dickinson, James D. Hurlbut, Almon M. Orcutt,
 Francis Edson, Lucius W. Knight, Warren Sibley,
 Nahum B. Hall, Samuel O. Lamb, Wm. Whiting.—15.

JOINT CONVENTION FOR THE

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz, J. W. Coveney, Daniel McCowan,
Aaron O. Buxton, John Davol, Jr., Henry L. Pratt.—6.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Messrs. Nathaniel P. Banks and William F. Salmon.—2.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

John E. Sanford.—1.

For JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Nathan S. Jenkins.—1.

And there was no choice.

The two branches separated.

FRIDAY, March 27, 1874.

The roll being called, the members present voted as follows :—

FOURTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	George S. Gates,	Julius M. Lyon,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Asahel Gates,	Horace H. Mayhew,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Addison Gilbert,	Moody Merrill,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Samuel S. Gleason,	James L. Merritt,
William G. Bassett,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	Albert Montague,
B. T. Batcheller,	Brownell Granger,	W. Stanley Newhall,
John H. Bell,	Charles Hale,	Amasa Norcross,
John Bigelow,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Lysander J. Orcutt,
Samuel P. Billings,	Abraham W. Harris,	Charles S. Osgood,
S. W. Brayton,	Francis B. Hayes,	Albert Palmer,
Richard Britton,	Benj. Heath,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,
James N. Buffum,	A. Higginbottom,	Henry W. Phelps,
E. P. Carpenter,	Joseph W. Hill,	Smith R. Phillips,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	David P. Howes,	Francis E. Porter,
Damon E. Cheney,	John B. Hull,	J. A. Rich,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Nathan S. Jenkins,	Philip H. Robinson,
Francis E. Clark,	N. L. Johnson,	Geo. D. Robinson,
L. J. Cole,	Jonathan Johnson,	Joseph W. Rogers,
John A. Cummings,	George W. Jones,	William R. Roundy,
Francis C. Curtis,	Thomas M. Judd,	L. H. Sawin,
John Cushing,	Charles H. Killam,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Edward Learned,	E. H. Seymour,
Henry C. Davis,	Joseph C. Little,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Edward Eaton,	Lewis Lombard,	Henry Shortle,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	George B. Loring,	George D. Smalley,
John B. Fairbanks,	Charles A. Loud,	Sumner Southworth,
John H. Fisher,	Aaron Low,	Thomas N. Stone,
Charles Fitz,	Horatio A. Lucas,	John H. Studley,

Messrs. James G. Tarr, Zenas C. Wardwell, Robert R. Wiley,
 Daniel H. Thurston, Henry S. Washburn, Henry W. Wilson,
 Artemas S. Tyler, Tisdale S. White, George C. Wright.
 Warren Tyler, —94.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Gayton M. Hall,	William E. Perkins,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Horace Haskins,	Willard P. Phillips,
Sanford W. Billings,	John A. Hawes,	Charles L. Pratt,
Robert R. Bishop,	Benj. F. Hayes,	John W. Rice,
Stephen F. Blaney,	Benjamin Howard,	Joshua C. Robinson,
William E. Blunt,	Andrew Howes,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Thos. P. Hurlbut,	George J. Sanger,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	R. Hutchinson,	Cyrus Savage,
Reuben Boynton,	Edward J. Johnson,	John Savery,
William B. Brown,	Moses Kimball,	John Shaw,
Alonzo A. Carr,	William S. Knox,	William L. Slade,
Charles R. Codman,	Jonathan A. Lane,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
George G. Crocker,	Henry D. Lay,	Joshua B. Smith,
John Cummings,	Daniel J. Lewis,	Moses Smith,
Ben. C. Currier,	Willard Lewis,	Abraham H. Smith,
Jedediah Dwelley,	Edward P. Loring,	Frank. H. Sprague,
Geo. O. Fairbanks,	W. C. Lovering,	Richard H. Stearns,
C. C. Field,	Lyman Mason,	Isaac Stebbins,
Joseph E. Fiske,	Albert Mason,	Chas. P. Stickney,
Eustace C. Fitz,	David Mayhew,	Leonard Washburn,
John W. Fletcher,	Edward McCleave,	T. W. Wellington,
Charles H. French,	John J. McNutt,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
William Frost,	John B. Moore,	Simon H. White,
John J. Giles,	Avery W. Nelson,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	Edward O. Noyes,	Samuel Winslow,
Elbridge H. Goss,	Francis A. Nye,	H. V. Woods.—78.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	John E. Fitzgerald,	Henry B. Lovering,
John Q. Adams,	T. F. Fitz Gerald,	John T. Manny,
Andrew Athy,	Henry Fuller,	Walter N. Mason,
Horace C. Bacon,	Jeremiah Gatchell,	Joseph B. Morss,
Emory Banister,	Thomas Gates,	Andrew M. Morton,
Patrick Barry,	Ziba Gay,	William H. Murray,
Richard D. Blinn,	William B. Gibson,	Reuben Noble,
John C. Blood,	Andrew J. Gove,	Richard Olney,
Enos W. Boise,	F. E. Gray,	James O. Parker,
Dennis Bonner,	Joshua P. Haskell,	Ezra Parmenter,
S. Butterworth,	Samuel M. Haynes,	Richard Pope,
James H. Carleton,	James E. Hill,	Edward B. Rankin,
Patrick Collins,	George Hodges,	Lawrence Reade,
Austin H. Connell,	N. E. Hollis,	E. P. Reed,
Henry J. Couch,	Francis M. Hughes,	William F. Salmon,
L. L. Cushing, Jr.,	Edward G. Hull,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Thomas Ingalls,	George A. Shaw,
Curtis Davis,	Francis W. Jacobs,	Charles L. Shaw,
I. W. Derby,	Jesse E. Keith,	Albert Smith,
Jarvis N. Dunham,	Elbridge G. Kelley,	Rufus Smith,
Joseph M. Eaton,	Eben Kimball,	Ezra Stearns,
Aug. B. Endicott,	George P. Kingsley,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Jas. E. Estabrook,	Samuel Loring,	George W. Taft,

Messrs. Hugh J. Toland, Michael F. Wells, H. W. Wright
George F. Verry, James B. Williams, —74.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken, John F. Haskins, John F. Moors,
Albe C. Clark, John B. Hill, Porter Nutting,
Edward Dickinson, James D. Hurlbut, Almon M. Orcutt,
Francis Edson, Lucius W. Knight, Warren Sibley,
Nahum B. Hall, Samuel O. Lamb, Wm. Whiting.—15.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz, John Davol, Jr., Henry L. Pratt,
Aaron O. Buxton, Daniel McCowan, J. A. G. Richardson.
J. W. Coveney. —7.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

For HENRY L. PIERCE of Boston :

Messrs. Alfred A. Clatur and Nathaniel J. Rust —2.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

John E. Sanford.—1.

And there being no choice, the two branches separated.

SATURDAY, March 28,,1874.

The members of the convention, at the calling of the roll, voted as follows :—

FIFTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Edward Eaton,	N. L. Johnson,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Lucian F. Eldridge,	Jonathan Johnson,
Prentiss C. Baird,	John B. Fairbanks,	George W. Jones,
Henry L. Bancroft,	John H. Fisher,	Thomas M. Judd,
B. T. Batcheller,	Charles Fitz,	Charles H. Killam,
John H. Bell,	George S. Gates,	Edward Learned,
John Bigelow,	Asahel Gates,	Lewis Lombard,
Samuel P. Billings,	Addison Gilbert,	George B. Loring,
S. W. Brayton,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	Charles A. Loud,
Richard Britton,	Brownell Granger,	Aaron Low,
James N. Buffum,	Charles Hale,	Horatio A. Lucas,
E. P. Carpenter,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Julius M. Lyon,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Abraham W. Harris,	Horace H. Mayhew,
Damon E. Cheney,	Francis B. Hayes,	Moody Merrill,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Benjamin Heath,	James L. Merritt,
L. J. Cole,	A. Higginbottom,	Albert Montague,
John A. Cummings,	Joseph W. Hill,	W. Stanley Newhall,
Francis C. Curtis,	David P. Howes,	Amasa Norcross,
John Cushing,	John B. Hull,	Lysander J. Orcutt,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Nathan S. Jenkins,	Charles S. Osgood,

Messrs. Albert Palmer,	L. H. Sawin,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Smith R. Phillips,	E. H. Seymour,	Warren Tyler,
Francis E. Porter,	Henry P. Shattuck,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
D. Franklin Reed,	George D. Smalley,	Henry S. Washburn,
J. A. Rich,	S. Southworth,	Tisdale S. White,
Philip H. Robinson,	Thomas N. Stone,	Robert R. Wiley,
Geo. D. Robinson,	John H. Studley,	Henry W. Wilson,
Joseph W. Rogers,	James G. Tarr,	George C. Wright.
William R. Roundy,		—88.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Elbridge H. Goss,	William E. Perkins,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Gayton M. Hall,	Willard P. Phillips,
S. W. Billings,	Horace Haskins,	Charles L. Pratt,
Robert R. Bishop,	John A. Hawes,	John W. Rice,
Stephen F. Blaney,	Benj. F. Hayes,	Joshua C. Robinson,
William E. Blunt,	Benjamin Howard,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Andrew Howes,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Thos. P. Hurlbut,	George J. Sanger,
Reuben Boynton,	R. Hutchinson,	Cyrus Savage,
William B. Brown,	Edward J. Johnson,	John Savery,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Moses Kimball,	John Shaw,
Charles R. Codman,	William S. Knox,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
George G. Crocker,	Jonathan A. Lane,	Joshua B. Smith,
John Cummings,	Henry D. Lay,	Moses Smith,
Ben C. Currier,	Daniel J. Lewis,	Abraham H. Smith,
Jedediah Dwelley,	Fred'k W. Lincoln,	Frank H. Sprague,
Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Edward P. Loring,	Richard H. Stearns,
C. C. Field,	Lyman Mason,	Isaac Stebbins,
Joseph E. Fiske,	Albert Mason,	Chas. P. Stickney,
Eustace C. Fitz,	David Mayhew,	Leonard Washburn,
John W. Fletcher,	Edward McCleave,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Charles H. French,	John B. Moore,	Simon H. White,
William Frost,	Avery W. Nelson,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
John J. Giles,	Edward O. Noyes,	Samuel Winslow,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	Francis A. Nye,	H. V. Woods.—75.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Jarvis N. Dunham,	Thomas Ingalls,
John Q. Adams,	Joseph M. Eaton,	Francis W. Jacobs,
Andrew Athy,	Aug. B. Endicott,	Jesse E. Keith,
Horace C. Bacon,	Jas. E. Estabrook,	Eben Kimball,
Emory Banister,	John E. Fitzgerald,	George P. Kingsley,
Patrick Barry,	Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	Samuel Loring,
Richard D. Blinn,	Henry Fuller,	Henry B. Lovering,
John C. Blood,	Jeremiah Gatchell,	John T. Manny,
Enos W. Boise,	Thomas Gates,	Walter N. Mason,
Dennis Bonner,	Ziba Gay,	Joseph B. Morss,
S. Butterworth,	William B. Gibson,	Andrew M. Morton,
James H. Carleton,	Andrew J. Gove,	William H. Murray,
Patrick Collins,	Joshua P. Haskell,	Richard Olney,
Austin H. Connell,	Samuel M. Haynes,	James O. Parker,
Henry J. Couch,	James E. Hill,	Ezra Parmenter,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	George Hodges,	Richard Pope,
Timothy J. Dacey,	N. E. Hollis,	Edward B. Rankin,
Curtis Davis,	Francis M. Hughes,	Lawrence Reade,
I. W. Derby,	Edward G. Hull,	E. P. Reed,

Messrs. William F. Salmon, Rufus Smith, George F. Verry,
 Nathaniel Seaver, Ezra Stearns, Michael F. Wells,
 George A. Shaw, Daniel J. Sweeney, James B. Williams.
 Albert Smith, Hugh J. Toland, —68.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken, John F. Haskins, John F. Moors,
 Albe C. Clark, John B. Hill, Porter Nutting,
 Edward Dickinson, Lucius W. Knight, Warren Sibley,
 Francis Edson, Samuel O. Lamb, William Whiting.
 Nahum B. Hall, —13.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz, John Davol, Jr., Henry L. Pratt,
 Aaron O. Buxton, Daniel McCowan, J. A. G. Richardson.
 J. W. Coveney, —7.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

For HENRY L. PIERCE of Boston :

Alfred A. Clatur.—1.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

John E. Sanford.—1

And there being no choice, the two branches separated.

MONDAY, March 30, 1874.

The roll being called, the members present voted as follows :—

SIXTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden, John Cushing, David P. Howes,
 Andrew J. Bailey, Thos. S. Cushman, Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Prentiss C. Baird, Henry C. Davis, Jonathan Johnson,
 Henry L. Bancroft, Edward Eaton, Thomas M. Judd,
 William G. Bassett, John B. Fairbanks, Charles H. Killam,
 B. T. Batcheller, John H. Fisher, Edward Learned,
 John H. Bell, Charles Fitz, Joseph C. Little,
 John Bigelow, George S. Gates, Lewis Lombard,
 Samuel P. Billings, Asahel Gates, George B. Loring,
 S. W. Brayton, Addison Gilbert, Charles A. Loud,
 Richard Britton, Samuel S. Gleason, Aaron Low,
 James N. Buffum, Levi L. Goodspeed, Julius M. Lyon,
 Cyrus W. Chapman, Brownell Granger, Horace H. Mayhew,
 Damon E. Cheney, Charles Hale, Moody Merrill,
 Elijah H. Chisholm, Abraham W. Harris, James L. Merritt,
 Francis E. Clark, Francis B. Hayes, W. Stanley Newhall,
 L. J. Cole, Benjamin Heath, Amasa Norcross,
 John A. Cummings, A. Higginbottom, Lysander J. Orcutt,
 Francis C. Curtis, Joseph W. Hill, Charles S. Osgood,

Messrs. Albert Palmer,	William R. Roundy,	John H. Studley,
Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,	L. H. Sawin,	James G. Tarr,
Henry W. Phelps,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Smith R. Phillips,	E. H. Seymour,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Francis E. Porter,	Henry P. Shattuck,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
D. Franklin Reed,	Henry Shortle,	Henry S. Washburn,
J. A. Rich,	George D. Smalley,	Tisdale S. White.
Philip H. Robinson,	S. Southworth,	Robert R. Wiley,
Geo. D. Robinson,	Thomas N. Stone,	Henry W. Wilson.
Joseph W. Rogers,		—85.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Benjamin F. Hayes,	Willard P. Phillips,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Benjamin Howard,	Charles L. Pratt,
Sanford W. Billings,	Andrew Howes,	Joshua C. Robinson,
Robert R. Bishop,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
Stephen F. Blaney,	R. Hutchinson,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
William E. Blunt,	Edward J. Johnson,	George J. Sanger,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Erastus Jones,	Cyrus Savage,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Moses Kimball,	John Savery,
Reuben Boynton,	William S. Knox,	John Shaw,
William B. Brown,	Jonathan A. Lane,	William L. Slade,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Henry D. Lay,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
Charles R. Codman,	Daniel J. Lewis,	Joshua B. Smith,
George G. Crocker,	Willard Lewis,	Moses Smith,
Ben. C. Currier,	Fred. W. Lincoln,	Abraham H. Smith,
Geo O. Fairbanks,	Edward P. Loring,	Richard H. Stearns,
C. C. Field,	Lyman Mason,	Isaac Stebbins,
Joseph E. Fiske,	Albert Mason,	Charles P. Stickney,
Eustace C. Fitz,	David Mayhew,	Leonard Washburn,
John W. Fletcher,	Edward McCleave,	T. W. Wellington,
William Frost,	John J. McNutt,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
John J. Giles,	Avery W. Nelson,	Simon H. White,
Elbridge H. Goss,	Edward O. Noyes,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Horace Haskins,	Francis A. Nye,	Samuel Winslow,
John A. Hawes,	William E. Perkins,	H V. Woods.—72.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Jarvis N. Dunham,	Thomas Ingalls,
John Q. Adams,	Joseph M. Eaton,	Francis W. Jacobs,
Andrew Athy,	Aug. B. Endicott,	Jesse E. Keith,
Horace C. Bacon,	James E. Estabrook,	Elbridge G. Kelley,
Emory Banister,	John E. Fitzgerald,	Eben Kimball,
Patrick Barry,	Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	Geo. P. Kingsley,
Richard D. Blinn,	Jeremiah Gatchell,	Samuel Loring,
John C. Blood,	Thomas Gates,	Henry B. Lovering,
Enos W. Boise,	Ziba Gay,	John T. Manny,
Dennis Bonner,	Wm. B. Gibson,	Walter N. Mason,
S. Butterworth,	Andrew J. Gove,	Joseph B. Morss,
James H. Carleton,	F. E. Gray,	Andrew M. Morton,
Patrick Collins,	Joshua P. Haskell,	William H. Murray,
Austin H. Connell,	Samuel M. Haynes,	Reuben Noble,
Henry J. Couch,	James E. Hill,	Richard Olney,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	George Hodges,	James O. Parker,
Timothy J. Dacey,	N. E. Hollis,	Ezra Parmenter,
Curtis Davis,	Francis M. Hughes,	Richard Pope,
I. W. Derby,	Edward G. Hull,	Edward B. Rankin,

JOINT CONVENTION FOR THE

Messrs. Lawrence Reade, Charles L. Shaw, George W. Taft,
 E. P. Reed, Albert Smith, Hugh J. Toland,
 William F. Salmon, Rufus Smith, George F. Verry,
 Nathaniel Seaver, Ezra Stearns, Michael F. Wells,
 George A. Shaw, Daniel J. Sweeney, J. B. Williams.—72.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken, John F. Haskins, John F. Moors,
 Albe C. Clark, John B. Hill, Porter Nutting,
 Edward Dickinson, James D. Hurlbut, Almon M. Orcutt,
 Francis Edson, Lucius W. Knight, Warren Sibley,
 Nahum B. Hall, Samuel O. Lamb, Wm. Whiting.—15.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz, John Davol, Jr., Henry L. Pratt,
 Aaron O. Buxton, Daniel McCowan, J. A. G. Richardson.
 J. W. Coveney, —7.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

For HENRY L. PIERCE of Boston :

Alfred A. Clatur.—1.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

John E. Sanford.—1.

For AMASA WALKER of North Brookfield :

Warren Tyler.—1.

And there being no choice, the two branches separated.

TUESDAY, March 31, 1874.

The roll being called the members present voted as follows, to wit :—

SEVENTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden, Elijah H. Chisholm, Addison Gilbert,
 Andrew J. Bailey, Francis E. Clark, Samuel S. Gleason,
 Prentiss C. Baird, L. J. Cole, Levi L. Goodspeed,
 Henry L. Bancroft, John A. Cummings, Brownell Granger,
 William G. Bassett, Francis C. Curtis, Charles Hale,
 B. T. Batcheller, John Cushing, Solomon E. Hallett,
 John H. Bell, Thos. S. Cushman, Abraham W. Harris,
 John Bigelow, Henry C. Davis, Francis B. Hayes,
 Sam'l P. Billings, Edward Eaton, Benj. Heath,
 S. W. Brayton, Lucian F. Eldridge, A. Higginbottom,
 Richard Britton, John B. Fairbanks, Joseph W. Hill,
 James N. Buffum, John H. Fisher, David P. Howes,
 E. P. Carpenter, Charles Fitz, John B. Hull,
 Cyrus W. Chapman, George S. Gates, Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Damon E. Cheney, Asahel Gates, N. L. Johnson,

Messrs. Jonathan Johnson,	Amasa Norcross,	Henry P. Shattuck,
George W. Jones,	Lysander J. Orcutt,	Henry Shortle,
Thomas M. Judd,	Charles S. Osgood,	George D. Smalley,
Charles H. Killam,	Albert Palmer,	S. Southworth,
Edward Learned,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,	Thomas N. Stone,
Joseph C. Little,	Henry W. Phelps,	John H. Studley,
Lewis Lombard,	Smith R. Phillips,	James G. Tarr,
George B. Loring,	Francis E. Porter,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Charles A. Loud,	D. Franklin Reed,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Aaron Low,	J. A. Rich,	Warren Tyler,
Horatio A. Lucas,	Philip H. Robinson,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
Julius M. Lyon,	Geo. D. Robinson,	Henry S. Washburn,
Horace H. Mayhew,	Joseph W. Rogers,	Tisdale S. White,
Moody Merrill,	William R. Roundy,	Robert R. Wiley,
James L. Merritt,	L. H. Sawin,	Henry W. Wilson,
Albert Montague,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,	George C. Wright.
W. Stanley Newhall,	E. H. Seymour,	—95.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Horace Haskins,	William E. Perkins,
Joseph E. Bailey,	John A. Hawes,	Willard P. Phillips,
Sanford W. Billings,	Benjamin F. Hayes,	Charles L. Pratt,
Robert R. Bishop,	Benjamin Howard,	John W. Rice,
Stephen F. Blaney,	Andrew Howes,	Joshua C. Robinson,
William E. Blunt,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	R. Hutchinson,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Erastus Jones,	George J. Sanger,
Reuben Boynton,	Edward J. Johnson,	Cyrus Savage,
William B. Brown,	Moses Kimball,	John Savery,
Alonzo A. Carr,	William S. Knox,	John Shaw,
Charles R. Codman,	Jonathan A. Lane,	William L. Slade,
George G. Crocker,	Henry D. Lay,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
John Cummings,	Daniel J. Lewis,	Joshua B. Smith,
Ben. C. Currier,	Willard Lewis,	Moses Smith,
Jedediah Dwelley,	Frederic W. Lincoln,	Abraham H. Smith,
Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Edward P. Loring,	Frank. H. Sprague,
C. C. Field,	Lyman Mason,	Richard H. Stearns,
Joseph E. Fiske,	Albert Mason,	Chas. P. Stickney.
Eustace C. Fitz,	David Mayhew,	Leonard Washburn,
John W. Fletcher,	Edward McCleave,	T. W. Wellington,
Charles H. French,	John J. McNutt,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
William Frost,	John B. Moore,	Simon H. White,
John J. Giles,	Avery W. Nelson,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	Edward O. Noyes,	Samuel Winslow,
Gayton M. Hall,	Francis A. Nye,	H. V. Woods.—78.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	S. Butterworth,	Joseph M. Eaton,
John Q. Adams,	James H. Carleton,	Aug. B. Endicott,
Andrew Athy,	Patrick Collins,	Jas. E. Estabrook,
Horace C. Bacon,	Austin H. Connell,	John E. Fitzgerald,
Emory Banister,	Henry J. Couch,	T. F. Fitz Gerald,
Patrick Barry,	L. L. Cushing, Jr.,	Henry Fuller,
Richard D. Blinn,	Timothy J. Dacey,	Jeremiah Gatchell,
John C. Blood,	Curtis Davis,	Thomas Gates,
Enos W. Boise,	I. W. Derby,	Ziba Gay,
Dennis Bonner,	Jarvis N. Dunham,	Wm. B. Gibson,

Messrs. Andrew J. Gove,	Samuel Loring,	J. A. G. Richardson,
F. E. Gray,	Henry B. Lovering,	William F. Salmon,
Joshua P. Haskell,	John T. Manny,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Sam'l M. Haynes,	Walter N. Mason,	George A. Shaw,
James E. Hill,	Joseph B. Morss,	Charles L. Shaw,
George Hodges,	Andrew M. Morton,	Albert Smith,
N. E. Hollis,	William H. Murray,	Rufus Smith,
Francis M. Hughes,	Reuben Noble,	Ezra Stearns,
Edward G. Hull,	Richard Olney,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Thomas Ingalls,	James O. Parker,	George W. Taft,
Francis W. Jacobs,	Ezra Parmenter,	Hugh J. Toland,
Jesse E. Keith,	Richard Pope,	George F. Verry,
Elbridge G. Kelley,	Edward B. Rankin,	Michael F. Wells,
Eben Kimball,	Lawrence Reade,	J. B. Williams,
Geo. P. Kingsley,	E. P. Reed,	Henry W. Wright.
E. H. Lathrop,		—76.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken,	John F. Haskins,	John F. Moors,
Albe C. Clark,	John B. Hill,	Porter Nutting,
Edward Dickinson,	James D. Hurlbut,	Almon M. Orcutt,
Francis Edson,	Lucius W. Knight,	Warren Sibley,
Nahum B. Hall,	Samuel O. Lamb,	Wm. Whiting.—15.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz,	J. W. Coveney,	Daniel McCowan,
Aaron O. Buxton,	John Davol, Jr.,	Henry L. Pratt.—6.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

Messrs. John E. Sanford and Elbridge H. Goss.—2.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

For HENRY L. PIERCE of Boston :

Alfred A. Clatur.—1.

And there being no choice, the two branches separated.

WEDNESDAY, April 1, 1874.

The roll being called, the members present voted as follows :—

EIGHTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Samuel P. Billings,	Francis E. Clark,
Andrew J. Bailey,	S. W. Brayton,	L. J. Cole,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Richard Britton,	John A. Cummings,
Henry L. Bancroft,	James N. Buffum,	Francis C. Curtis,
William G. Bassett,	E. P. Carpenter,	John Cushing,
B. T. Bacheller,	Cyrus W. Chapman,	Thos S Cushman,
John H. Bell,	Damon E. Cheney,	Henry C. Davis,
John Bigelow,	Elijah H. Chisholm,	Jedediah Dwelley,

Messrs. Edward Eaton,	Thomas M. Judd,	Philip H. Robinson,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Charles H. Killam,	Geo. D. Robinson,
John B. Fairbanks,	Edward Learned,	Joseph W. Rogers,
John H. Fisher,	Joseph C. Little,	William R. Roundy,
Charles Fitz,	Lewis Lombard,	L. H. Sawin,
George S. Gates,	George B. Loring,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Asahel Gates,	Charles A. Loud,	E. H. Seymour,
Addison Gilbert,	Aaron Low,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Samuel S. Gleason,	Horatio A. Lucas,	Henry Shortle,
Levi L. Goodspeed,	Julius M. Lyon,	George D. Smalley,
Brownell Granger,	Horace H. Mayhew,	S. Southworth,
Charles Hale,	Moody Merrill,	Thomas N. Stone,
Solomon E. Hallett,	James L. Merritt,	John H. Studley,
Abraham W. Harris,	Albert Montague,	James G. Tarr,
Francis B. Hayes,	W. Stanley Newhall,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Benjamin Heath,	Amasa Norcross,	Artemas S. Tyler,
A. Higginbottom,	Lysander J. Orcutt,	Warren Tyler,
Joseph W. Hill,	Albert Palmer,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
David P. Howes,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,	Henry S. Washburn,
John B. Hull,	Henry W. Phelps,	Tisdale S. White,
Nathan S. Jenkins,	Smith R. Phillips,	Robt. R. Wiley,
N. L. Johnson,	Francis E. Porter,	Henry W. Wilson,
Jonathan Johnson,	D. Franklin Reed,	George C. Wright.
George W. Jones,	J. A. Rich,	—95.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Horace Haskins,	Francis A. Nye,
Joseph E. Bailey,	John A. Hawes,	William E. Perkins,
Sanford W. Billings,	Benjamin F. Hayes,	Willard P. Phillips,
Robert R. Bishop,	Benjamin Howard,	Charles L. Pratt,
Stephen F. Blaney,	Andrew Howes,	John W. Rice,
William E. Blunt,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,	Joshua C. Robinson,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	R. Hutchinson,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Edward J. Johnson,	Cyrus Savage,
Reuben Boynton,	Erastus Jones,	John Savery,
William B. Brown,	Moses Kimball,	John Shaw,
Alonzo A. Carr,	William S. Knox,	William L. Slade,
Charles R. Codman,	Jonathan A. Lane,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
George G. Crocker,	Henry D. Lay,	Joshua B. Smith,
Ben. C. Currier,	Daniel J. Lewis,	Moses Smith,
Geo O. Fairbanks,	Willard Lewis,	Abraham H. Smith,
C. C. Field,	Frederic W. Lincoln,	Frank. H. Sprague,
Joseph E. Fiske,	Edward P. Loring,	Richard H. Stearns,
Eustace C. Fitz,	Lyman Mason,	Leonard Washburn,
John W. Fletcher,	Albert Mason,	T. W. Wellington,
Charles H. French,	David Mayhew,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
William Frost,	Edward McCleave,	Simon H. White,
John J. Giles,	John J. McNutt,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	John B. Moore,	Sam'l Winslow,
Elbridge H. Goss,	Avery W. Nelson,	Henry V. Woods.
Gayton M. Hall,	Edward O. Noyes,	—74.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Emory Banister,	Enos W. Boise,
John Q. Adams,	Patrick Barry,	Dennis Bonner,
Andrew Athy,	Richard D. Blinn,	S. Butterworth,
Horace C. Bacon,	John C. Blood,	James H. Carleton,

Messrs. Patrick Collins,	Sam'l M. Haynes,	James O. Parker,
Austin H. Connell,	James E. Hill,	Ezra Parmenter,
Henry J. Couch,	George Hodges,	Richard Pope,
L. L. Cushing, Jr.,	N. E. Hollis,	Edward B. Rankin,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Francis M. Hughes,	Lawrence Reade,
Curtis Davis,	Edward G. Hull,	E. P. Reed,
I. W. Derby,	Thomas Ingalls,	J. A. G. Richardson,
Jarvis N. Dunham,	Francis W. Jacobs,	William F. Salmon,
Joseph M. Eaton,	Jesse E. Keith,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Aug. B. Endicott,	Elbridge G. Kelley,	George A. Shaw,
Jas. E. Estabrook,	Eben Kimball,	Charles L. Shaw,
John E. Fitzgerald,	Geo. P. Kingsley,	Albert Smith,
T. F. Fitz Gerald,	Samuel Loring,	Rufus Smith,
Henry Fuller,	Henry B. Lovering,	Ezra Stearns,
Jeremiah Gatchell,	John T. Manny,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Thomas Gates,	Walter N. Mason,	George W. Taft,
Ziba Gay,	Joseph B. Morss,	Hugh J. Toland,
Wm. B. Gibson,	Andrew M. Morton,	George F. Verry,
Andrew J. Gove,	William H. Murray,	Michael F. Wells,
F. E. Gray,	Reuben Noble,	James B. Williams,
Joshua P. Haskell,	Richard Olney,	H. W. Wright.—75.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy : .

Messrs. David Aiken,	John F. Haskins,	John F. Moors,
Albe C. Clark,	John B. Hill,	Porter Nutting,
Edward Dickinson,	James D. Hurlbut,	Almon M. Orcutt,
Francis Edson,	Samuel O. Lamb,	Warren Sibley,
Nahum B. Hall,	Lucius W. Knight,	Wm. Whiting.—15.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz,	J. W. Coveney,	Daniel McCowan,
Aaron O. Buxton,	John Davol, Jr.,	Henry L. Pratt.—6.

For HENRY L. PIERCE of Boston :

Messrs. Alfred A. Clatur and Nathaniel J. Rust.—2.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

John E. Sanford.—1.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

For WENDELL PHILLIPS of Boston :

T. M. House.—1.

And there being no choice, the two branches separated.

FRIDAY, April 3, 1874.

The roll being called, the members present voted as follows :—

NINTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Prentiss C. Baird,	William G. Bassett,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Henry L. Bancroft,	B. T. Batcheller,

Messrs. John H. Bell,	Abraham W. Harris,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,
John Bigelow,	Francis B. Hayes,	Henry W. Phelps,
Samuel P. Billings,	Benj. Heath,	Smith R. Phillips,
S. W. Brayton,	A. Higginbottom,	Francis E. Porter,
Richard Britton,	Joseph W. Hill,	D. Franklin Reed,
James N. Buffum,	David P. Howes,	J. A. Rich,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	John B. Hull,	Philip H. Robinson,
Damon E. Cheney,	Nathan S. Jenkins,	Geo. D. Robinson,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Jonathan Johnson,	Joseph W. Rogers,
Francis E. Clark,	George W. Jones,	William R. Roundy,
L. J. Cole,	Thomas M. Judd,	L. H. Sawin,
John A. Cummings,	Charles H. Killam,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Francis C. Curtis,	Edward Learned,	E. H. Seymour,
John Cushing,	Joseph C. Little,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Lewis Lombard,	Henry Shortle,
Henry C. Davis,	George B. Loring,	George D. Smalley,
Jedediah Dwelley,	Aaron Low,	Thomas N. Stone,
Edward Eaton,	Horatio A. Lucas,	John H. Studley,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Julius M. Lyon,	James G. Tarr,
John B. Fairbanks,	Horace H. Mayhew,	Daniel H. Thurston,
John H. Fisher,	Moody Merrill,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Charles Fitz,	James L. Merritt,	Warren Tyler,
George S. Gates,	Albert Montague,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
Asahel Gates,	W. Stanley Newhall,	Henry S. Washburn,
Addison Gilbert,	Amasa Norcross,	Tisdale S. White,
Samuel S. Gleason,	Lysander J. Orcutt,	Robert R. Wiley,
Levi L. Goodspeed,	Charles S. Osgood,	Henry W. Wilson,
Brownell Granger,	Albert Palmer,	George C. Wright.
Charles Hale,		—91.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Benj F. Hayes,	Willard P. Phillips,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Benj. Howard,	Charles L. Pratt,
Sanford W. Billings,	Andrew Howes,	John W. Rice,
Robert R. Bishop,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,	Joshua C. Robinson,
Stephen F. Blaney,	R. Hutchinson,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
William E. Blunt,	Edward J. Johnson,	George J. Sanger,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Erastus Jones,	Cyrus Savage,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Moses Kimball,	John Savery,
Reuben Boynton,	William S. Knox,	John Shaw,
William B. Brown,	Jonathan A. Lane,	William L. Slade,
Charles R. Codman,	Henry D. Lay,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
George G. Crocker,	Daniel J. Lewis,	Joshua B. Smith,
John Cummings,	Willard Lewis,	Moses Smith,
Ben. C. Currier,	Fred. W. Lincoln,	Abraham H. Smith,
Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Edward P. Loring,	Frank H. Sprague,
Joseph E. Fiske,	Lyman Mason,	Richard H. Stearns,
John W. Fletcher,	Albert Mason,	Isaac Stebbins,
Charles H. French,	David Mayhew,	Chas. P. Stickney,
William Frost,	Edward McCleave,	Leonard Washburn,
John J. Giles,	John J. McNutt,	T. W. Wellington,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	John B. Moore,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Elbridge H. Goss,	Avery W. Nelson,	Simon H. White,
Gayton M. Hall,	Edward O. Noyes,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Horace Haskins,	Francis A. Nye,	Sam'l Winslow,
John A. Hawes,	William E. Perkins,	H. V. Woods.—75.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Jeremiah Gatchell,	Andrew M. Morton,
John Q. Adams,	Thomas Gates,	Reuben Noble,
Andrew Athy,	Ziba Gay,	Richard Olney,
Horace C. Bacon,	Wm. B. Gibson,	James O. Parker,
Emory Banister,	Andrew J. Gove,	Ezra Parmenter,
Patrick Barry,	Joshua P. Haskell,	Richard Pope,
Richard D. Blinn,	Samuel M. Haynes,	Edward B. Rankin,
John C. Blood,	James E. Hill,	Lawrence Reade,
Enos W. Boise,	George Hodges,	E. P. Reed,
Dennis Bonner,	N. E. Hollis,	J. A. G. Richardson,
S. Butterworth,	Francis M. Hughes,	William F. Salmon,
James H. Carleton,	Edward G. Hull,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Patrick Collins,	Thomas Ingalls,	George A. Shaw,
Austin H. Connell,	Francis W. Jacobs,	Charles L. Shaw,
Henry J. Couch,	Jesse E. Keith,	Albert Smith,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	Elbridge G. Kelley,	Ezra Stearns,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Eben Kimball,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Curtis Davis,	George P. Kingsley,	George W. Taft,
I. W. Derby,	Samuel Loring,	Hugh J. Toland,
Joseph M. Eaton,	Henry B. Lovering,	George F. Verry,
Aug. B. Endicott,	John T. Manny,	Michael F. Wells,
John E. Fitzgerald,	Walter N. Mason,	James B. Williams,
T. F. Fitz Gerald,	Joseph B. Morss,	Henry W. Wright.
Henry Fuller,		—70.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken,	John B. Hill,	John F. Moors,
Albe C. Clark,	James D. Hurlbut,	Porter Nutting,
Edward Dickinson,	N. L. Johnson,	Almon M. Orcott,
Francis Edson,	Lucius W. Knight,	Warren Sibley,
Nahum B. Hall,	Samuel O. Lamb,	Wm. Whiting.
John F. Haskins,		—16.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz,	J. W. Coveney,	Henry L. Pratt.
Aaron O. Buxton,	Daniel McCowan,	—5.

For HENRY L. PIERCE of Boston :

Messrs. Alfred A. Clatur and Nathaniel J. Rust.—2.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

John E. Sanford.—1.

For WENDELL PHILLIPS of Boston :

T. M. House.—1.

And there being no choice, the two branches separated.

SATURDAY, April 4, 1874.

The roll being called, the members present voted as follows :—

TENTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	Albert Palmer,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Brownell Granger,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Charles Hale,	Henry W. Phelps,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Abraham W. Harris,	Smith R. Phillips,
William G. Bassett,	Francis B. Hayes,	Francis E. Porter,
B. T. Bacheller,	Benj. Heath,	D. Franklin Reed,
John H. Bell,	A. Higginbottom,	J. A. Rich,
John Bigelow,	Joseph W. Hill,	Philip H. Robinson,
Samuel P. Billings,	David P. Howes,	Geo. D. Robinson,
S. W. Brayton,	Nathan S. Jenkins,	Joseph W. Rogers,
Richard Britton,	Jonathan Johnson,	William R. Roundy,
James N. Buffum,	George W. Jones,	L. H. Sawin,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Edward J. Jones,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Damon E. Cheney,	Thomas M. Judd,	E. H. Seymour,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Charles H. Killam,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Francis E. Clark,	Edward Learned,	Henry Shortle,
John A. Cummings,	Joseph C. Little,	George D. Smalley,
Francis C. Curtis,	Lewis Lombard,	Thomas N. Stone,
John Cushing,	George B. Loring,	John H. Studley,
Henry C. Davis,	Charles A. Loud,	James G. Tarr,
Jedediah Dwelley,	Aaron Low,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Edward Eaton,	Horatio A. Lucas,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Julius M. Lyon,	Warren Tyler,
John B. Fairbanks,	Moody Merrill,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
John H. Fisher,	James L. Merritt,	Henry S. Washburn,
Charles Fitz,	W. Stanley Newhall,	Tisdale S. White,
George S. Gates,	Amasa Norcross,	Robert R. Wiley,
Asahel Gates,	Lysander J. Orcutt,	Henry W. Wilson,
Addison Gilbert,	Charles S. Osgood,	George C. Wright.
Samuel S. Gleason,		—88.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Samuel S. Ginnodo,	Albert Mason,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Elbridge H. Goss,	Lyman Mason,
Sanford W. Billings,	Gayton M. Hall,	David Mayhew,
Robert R. Bishop,	Horace Haskins,	Edward McCleave,
Stephen F. Blaney,	John A. Hawes,	John B. Moore,
William E. Blunt,	Benj. F. Hayes,	Avery W. Nelson,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Benj. Howard,	Edward O. Noyes,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Andrew Howes,	Francis A. Nye,
Reuben Boynton,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,	William E. Perkins,
Alonzo A. Carr,	R. Hutchinson,	Willard P. Phillips,
Charles R. Codman,	Edward J. Johnson,	Charles L. Pratt,
George G. Crocker,	Erastus Jones,	John W. Rice,
John Cummings,	Moses Kimball,	Joshua C. Robinson,
Ben. C. Currier,	William S. Knox,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Jonathan A. Lane,	Cyrus Savage,
C. C. Field,	Henry D. Lay,	John Savery,
Joseph E. Fiske,	Daniel J. Lewis,	John Shaw,
John W. Fletcher,	Willard Lewis,	William L. Slade,
Charles H. French,	F. W. Lincoln,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
William Frost,	Edward P. Loring,	Joshua B. Smith,
John J. Giles,	W. C. Lovering,	Moses Smith,

JOINT CONVENTION FOR THE

Messrs. Abraham H. Smith, Charles P. Stickney, Simon H. White,
 Frank. H. Sprague, Leonard Washburn, Moses Williams, Jr.,
 Richard H. Stearns, T. W. Wellington, Samuel Winslow,
 Isaac Stebbins, Cyrus M. Wheaton, H. V. Woods.—75.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	T. F. Fitz Gerald,	Andrew M. Morton,
John Q. Adams,	Jeremiah Gatchell,	Reuben Noble,
Andrew Athy,	Thomas Gates,	Richard Olney,
Horace C. Bacon,	Ziba Gay,	James O. Parker,
Emory Banister,	Andrew J. Gove,	Ezra Parmenter,
Patrick Barry,	Joshua P. Haskell,	Richard Pope,
Richard D. Blinn,	Samuel M. Haynes,	Edward B. Rankin,
John C. Blood,	James E. Hill,	Lawrence Reade,
Enos W. Boise,	George Hodges,	E. P. Reed,
Dennis Bonner,	N. E. Hollis,	J. A. G. Richardson,
S. Butterworth,	Francis M. Hughes,	William F. Salmon,
James H. Carleton,	Edward G. Hull,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Patrick Collins,	Thomas Ingalls,	Geo. A. Shaw,
Austin H. Connell,	Francis W. Jacobs,	Charles L. Shaw,
Henry J. Couch,	Jesse E. Keith,	Albert Smith,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	Geo. P. Kingsley,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Samuel Loring,	George W. Taft,
Curtis Davis,	Henry B. Lovering,	Hugh J. Toland,
I. W. Derby,	John T. Manny,	George F. Verry,
Joseph M. Eaton,	Walter N. Mason,	Michael F. Wells,
Aug. B. Endicott,	Joseph B. Morss,	James B. Williams.
John E. Fitzgerald,		—64.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken,	John F. Haskins,	Albert Montague,
Albe C. Clark,	John B. Hill,	Porter Nutting,
Edward Dickinson,	James D. Hurlbut,	Warren Sibley,
Francis Edson,	Samuel O. Lamb,	William Whiting.
Nahum B. Hall,		—13.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz,	J. W. Coveney,	Henry L. Pratt.
Aaron O. Buxton,	Daniel McCowan,	—5.

For HENRY L. PIERCE of Boston :

Messrs. Alfred A. Clatur and Nathaniel J. Rust.—2.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

. Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

For WENDELL PHILLIPS of Boston :

T. M. House.—1.

For WILLIAM GASTON of Boston :

Elbridge G. Kelley.—1.

And there being no choice, the convention adjourned.

MONDAY, April 6, 1874.

The roll being called the members present voted as follows, to wit:—

ELEVENTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Andrew J. Bailey,	Francis B. Hayes,	Henry W. Phelps,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Benj. Heath,	Francis E. Porter,
B. T. Batcheller,	Joseph W. Hill,	D. Franklin Reed,
John H. Bell,	David P. Howes,	Philip H. Robinson,
John Bigelow,	Nathan S. Jenkins,	Joseph W. Rogers,
James N. Buffum,	Jonathan Johnson,	William R. Roundy,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Edward J. Jones,	L. H. Sawin,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Charles H. Killam,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
John A. Cummings,	Edward Learned,	Henry P. Shattuck,
John Cushing,	George B. Loring,	Henry Shortle,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Charles A. Loud,	George D. Smalley,
Henry C. Davis,	Aaron Low,	Thomas N. Stone,
Jedediah Dwelley,	Horatio A. Lucas,	John H. Studley,
Edward Eaton,	Julius M. Lyon,	James G. Tarr,
John B. Fairbanks,	Moody Merrill,	Daniel H. Thurston,
John H. Fisher,	James L. Merritt,	Artemas S. Tyler,
George S. Gates,	W. Stanley Newhall,	Warren Tyler,
Addison Gilbert,	Amasa Norcross,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
Samuel S. Gleason,	Lysander J. Orcutt,	Henry S. Washburn,
Levi L. Goodspeed,	Charles S. Osgood,	Robert R. Wiley,
Brownell Granger,	Albert Palmer,	Henry W. Wilson,
Charles Hale,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,	George C. Wright.
Abraham W. Harris,		—67.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Benj. F. Hayes,	Edward O. Noyes,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Benj. Howard,	Francis A. Nye,
Robert R. Bishop,	R. Hutchinson,	William E. Perkins,
Stephen F. Blaney,	Edward J. Johnson,	Willard P. Phillips,
William E. Blunt,	Erastus Jones,	Charles L. Pratt,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Moses Kimball,	Joshua C. Robinson,
Samuel H. Boutwell,	William S. Knox,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
Reuben Boynton,	Jonathan A. Lane,	Cyrus Savage,
Charles R. Codman,	Henry D. Lay,	John Savery,
George G. Crocker,	Daniel J. Lewis,	John Shaw,
Ben. C. Currier,	Willard Lewis,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
Geo O. Fairbanks,	Frederic W. Lincoln,	Joshua B. Smith,
John W. Fletcher,	Edward P. Loring,	Abraham H. Smith,
Charles H. French,	W. C. Lovering,	Frank. H. Sprague,
William Frost,	Lyman Mason,	Richard H. Stearns,
John J. Giles,	David Mayhew,	Isaac Stebbins,
Elbridge H. Goss,	Edward McCleave,	Leonard Washburn,
Horace Haskins,	John J. McNutt,	T. W. Wellington,
John A. Hawes,	Avery W. Nelson,	M. Williams, Jr.—57.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Andrew Athy,	Emory Banister,
John Q. Adams,	Horace C. Bacon,	Patrick Barry,

JOINT CONVENTION FOR THE

Messrs. Richard D. Blinn,	Ziba Gay,	James O. Parker,
John C. Blood,	Andrew J. Gove,	Ezra Parmenter,
Dennis Bonner,	Joshua P. Haskell,	Richard Pope,
James H. Carleton,	Samuel M. Haynes,	Edward B. Rankin,
Patrick Collins,	N. E. Hollis,	Lawrence Reade,
Austin H. Connell,	Francis M. Hughes,	E. P. Reed,
Henry J. Couch,	Edward G. Hull,	William F. Salmon,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	Thomas Ingalls,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Francis W. Jacobs,	George A. Shaw,
Curtis Davis,	Jesse E. Keith,	Albert Smith,
I. W. Derby,	George P. Kingsley,	Ezra Stearns,
Joseph M. Eaton,	Samuel Loring,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Aug. B. Endicott,	Henry B. Lovering,	Hugh J. Toland,
John E. Fitzgerald,	John T. Manny,	Michael F. Wells,
Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	Walter N. Mason,	James B. Williams.
Thomas Gates,	Andrew M. Morton,	—53.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. Albe C. Clark,	Lucius W. Knight,	Warren Sibley,
John B. Hill,	Samuel O. Lamb,	William Whiting.
Elbridge G. Kelley,	Joseph B. Morss,	—8.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz,	J. W. Coveney,	Henry L. Pratt,
Aaron O. Buxton,	Daniel McCowan,	J. A. G. Richardson.
		—6.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

For HENRY L. PIERCE of Boston :

Nathaniel J. Rust.—2.

For WENDELL PHILLIPS of Boston :

T. M. House.—1.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

John E. Sanford.—1.

And there being no choice, the convention adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 7, 1874.

The roll being called, the members present voted as follows :—

TWELFTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Samuel P. Billings,	Elijah H. Chisholm,
Andrew J. Bailey,	S. W. Brayton,	Francis E. Clark,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Richard Britton,	Alfred A. Clatur,
Henry L. Bancroft,	James N. Buffum,	L. J. Cole,
Geo. Bartholmesz,	Aaron O. Buxton,	J. W. Coveney,
William G. Bassett,	E. P. Carpenter,	John A. Cummings,
John H. Bell,	Cyrus W. Chapman,	Francis C. Curtis,
John Bigelow,	Damon E. Cheney,	John Cushing,

Messrs. Thos. S. Cushman,	Edward J. Jones,	J. A. Rich,
Henry C. Davis,	Thomas M. Judd,	Philip H. Robinson,
Jedediah Dwelley,	Charles H. Killam,	George D. Robinson,
Edward Eaton,	Lucius W. Knight,	Joseph W. Rogers,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Edward Learned,	William R. Roundy,
John B. Fairbanks,	Lewis Lombard,	L. H. Sawin,
John H. Fisher,	George B. Loring,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Charles Fitz,	Charles A. Loud,	E. H. Seymour,
George S. Gates,	Aaron Low,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Asahel Gates,	Horatio A. Lucas,	Henry Shortle,
Addison Gilbert,	Julius M. Lyon,	George D. Smalley,
Samuel S. Gleason,	Horace H. Mayhew,	Sumner Southworth,
Levi L. Goodspeed,	Moody Merrill,	Thomas N. Stone,
Brownell Granger,	James L. Merritt,	John H. Studley,
Charles Hale,	Albert Montague,	James G. Tarr,
Solomon E. Hallett,	W. Stanley Newhall,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Francis B. Hayes,	Amasa Norcross,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Benj. Heath,	Lysander J. Orcutt,	Warren Tyler,
A. Higginbottom,	Charles S. Osgood,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
Joseph W. Hill,	Albert Palmer,	Henry S. Washburn,
David P. Howes,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,	Tisdale S. White,
John B. Hull,	Henry W. Phelps,	Robert R. Wiley,
N. S. Jenkins,	Smith R. Phillips,	Henry W. Wilson,
Jonathan Johnson,	Francis E. Porter,	George C. Wright.
George W. Jones,		—97.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Benj. F. Hayes,	Willard P. Phillips,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Benj. Howard,	Charles L. Pratt,
S. W. Billings,	Andrew Howes,	John W. Rice,
Robert R. Bishop,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,	Joshua C. Robinson,
Stephen F. Blaney,	R. Hutchinson,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
William E. Blunt,	Edward J. Johnson,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Erastus Jones,	George J. Sanger,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Moses Kimball,	Cyrus Savage,
Reuben Boynton,	William S. Knox,	John Savery,
Charles R. Codman,	Jonathan A. Lane,	John Shaw,
George G. Crocker,	Henry D. Lay,	William L. Slade,
John Cummings,	Daniel J. Lewis,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
Ben. C. Currier,	Willard Lewis,	Joshua B. Smith,
Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Frederic W. Lincoln,	Moses Smith,
C. C. Field,	Edward P. Loring,	Abraham H. Smith,
Joseph E. Fiske,	W. C. Lovering,	Frank. H. Sprague,
Eustace C. Fitz,	Albert Mason,	Richard H. Stearns,
John W. Fletcher,	Lyman Mason,	Isaac Stebbins,
Charles H. French,	David Mayhew,	Charles P. Stickney,
William Frost,	Edward McCleave,	Leonard Washburn,
John J. Giles,	John J. McNutt,	T. W. Wellington,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	John B. Moore,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Elbridge H. Goss,	Avery W. Nelson,	Simon H. White,
Gayton M. Hall,	Edward O. Noyes,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Horace Haskins,	Francis A. Nye,	Samuel Winslow,
John A. Hawes,	William E. Perkins,	H. V. Woods.—78.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Andrew Athy,	Emory Banister,
John Q. Adams,	Horace C. Bacon,	Patrick Barry,

JOINT CONVENTION FOR THE

Messrs. Richard D. Blinn,	Ziba Gay,	Reuben Noble,
John C. Blood,	Wm. B. Gibson,	Richard Olney,
Enos W. Boise,	Andrew J. Gove,	James O. Parker,
Dennis Bonner,	F. E. Gray,	Ezra Parmenter,
S. Butterworth,	Joshua P. Haskell,	Richard Pope,
James H. Carleton,	Samuel M. Haynes,	Edward B. Rankin.
Patrick Collins,	James E. Hill,	Lawrence Reade,
Austin H. Connell,	George Hodges,	E. P. Reed,
Henry J. Couch,	N. E. Hollis,	J. A. G. Richardson,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	Edward G. Hull,	William F. Salmon,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Thomas Ingalls,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Curtis Davis,	Francis W. Jacobs,	George A. Shaw,
I. W. Derby,	Jesse E. Keith,	Charles L. Shaw,
Jarvis N. Dunham,	Elbridge G. Kelley,	Albert Smith,
Joseph M. Eaton,	Eben Kimball,	Ezra Stearns,
Aug. B. Endicott,	George P. Kingsley,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Jas. E. Estabrook,	Samuel Loring,	George W. Taft,
John E. Fitzgerald,	Henry B. Lovering,	Hugh J. Toland,
Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	John T. Manny,	George F. Verry,
Henry Fuller,	Walter N. Mason,	Michael F. Wells,
Jeremiah Gatchell,	Andrew M. Morton,	James B. Williams,
Thomas Gates,	William H. Murray,	H. W. Wright.—72.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken,	John B. Hill,	Joseph B. Mors,
Albe C. Clark,	James D. Hurlbut,	Porter Nutting,
Edward Dickinson,	N. L. Johnson,	Almon M. Orcutt,
Francis Edson,	Samuel O. Lamb,	Warren Sibley,
Nahum B. Hall,	John F. Moors,	William Whiting.
John F. Haskins,		—16.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. John Davol, Jr.,	Daniel McCowan,	Henry L. Pratt.—3.
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For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

John E. Sanford.—1.

For WENDELL PHILLIPS of Boston :

T. M. House.—1.

And there was no choice.

Thereupon, the convention proceeded to another vote, and the roll being called, the members present voted as follows, to wit:—

THIRTEENTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Geo. Bartholmesz,	Samuel P. Billings,
Andrew J. Bailey,	William G. Bassett,	S. W. Brayton,
Prentiss C. Baird,	John H. Bell,	Richard Britton,
Henry L. Bancroft,	John Bigelow,	James N. Buffum,

Messrs. Aaron O. Buxton,	Francis B. Hayes,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,
E. P. Carpenter,	Benj. Heath,	Henry W. Phelps,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	A. Higginbottom,	Smith R. Phillips,
Damon E. Cheney,	Joseph W. Hill,	Francis E. Porter,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	David P. Howes,	J. A. Rich,
Francis E. Clark,	John B. Hull,	Philip H. Robinson,
Alfred A. Clatur,	Jonathan Johnson,	Geo. D. Robinson,
L. J. Cole,	George W. Jones,	Joseph W. Rogers,
J. W. Coveney,	Edward J. Jones,	William R. Roundy,
John A. Cummings,	Thomas M. Judd,	L. H. Sawin,
Francis C. Curtis,	Charles H. Killam,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
John Cushing,	Lucius W. Knight,	E. H. Seymour,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Edward Learned,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Henry C. Davis,	Lewis Lombard,	Henry Shortle,
Jedediah Dwelley,	George B. Loring,	Geo. D. Smalley,
Edward Eaton,	Charles A. Loud,	Sumner Southworth,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Aaron Low,	Thomas N. Stone,
John B. Fairbanks,	Horatio A. Lucas,	John H. Studley,
John H. Fisher,	Julius M. Lyon,	James G. Tarr,
Charles Fitz,	Horace H. Mayhew,	Daniel H. Thurston,
George S. Gates,	Moody Merrill,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Asahel Gates,	James L. Merritt,	Warren Tyler,
Addison Gilbert,	Albert Montague,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
Samuel S. Gleason,	W. Stanley Newhall,	Henry S. Washburn,
Levi L. Goodspeed,	Amasa Norcross,	Tisdale S. White,
Brownell Granger,	Lysander J. Orcutt,	Robert R. Wiley,
Charles Hale,	Charles S. Osgood,	Henry W. Wilson,
Solomon E. Hallett,	Albert Palmer,	G. C. Wright.—96.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Benj. F. Hayes,	Willard P. Phillips,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Benj. Howard,	Charles L. Pratt,
Sanford W. Billings,	Andrew Howes,	Henry L. Pratt,
Robert R. Bishop,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,	John W. Rice,
Stephen F. Blaney,	R. Hutchinson,	Joshua C. Robinson,
William E. Blunt,	Edward J. Johnson,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Erastus Jones,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Moses Kimball,	George J. Sanger,
Reuben Boynton,	William S. Knox,	Cyrus Savage,
Charles R. Codman,	Jonathan A. Lane,	John Savery,
George G. Crocker,	Henry D. Lay,	John Shaw,
John Cummings,	Daniel J. Lewis,	William L. Slade,
Ben. C. Currier,	Willard Lewis,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
John Davol, Jr.,	Frederic W. Lincoln,	Joshua B. Smith,
Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Edward P. Loring,	Moses Smith,
C. C. Field,	W. C. Lovering,	Abraham H. Smith,
Joseph E. Fiske,	Lyman Mason,	Frank. H. Sprague,
Eustace C. Fitz,	Albert Mason,	Richard H. Stearns,
John W. Fletcher,	David Mayhew,	Isaac Stebbins,
Charles H. French,	Edward McCleave,	Charles P. Stickney,
William Frost,	Daniel McCowan,	Leonard Washburn,
John J. Giles,	John J. McNutt,	T. W. Wellington,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	John B. Moore,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Elbridge H. Goss,	Avery W. Nelson,	Simon H. White,
Gayton M. Hall,	Edward O. Noyes,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Horace Haskins,	Francis A. Nye,	Samuel Winslow,
John A. Hawes,	William E. Perkins,	H. V. Woods.—81.

JOINT CONVENTION FOR THE

FOR BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams, Thos. F. Fitz Gerald, Andrew M. Morton,
 John Q. Adams, Henry Fuller, William H. Murray,
 Andrew Athy, Jeremiah Gatchell, Reuben Noble,
 Horace C. Bacon, Thomas Gates, Richard Olney,
 Emory Banister, Ziba Gay, James O. Parker,
 Patrick Barry, Wm. B. Gibson, Ezra Parmenter,
 Richard D. Blinn, Andrew J. Gove, Richard Pope,
 John C. Blood, F. E. Gray, Edward B. Rankin,
 Enos W. Boise, Joshua P. Haskell, Lawrence Reade,
 Dennis Bonner, Samuel M. Haynes, E. P. Reed,
 S. Butterworth, James E. Hill, J. A. G. Richardson,
 James H. Carleton, George Hodges, Nathaniel Seaver,
 Patrick Collins, N. E. Hollis, George A. Shaw,
 Austin H. Connell, Edward G. Hull, Charles L. Shaw,
 Henry J. Couch, Thomas Ingalls, Albert Smith,
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr., Francis W. Jacobs, Ezra Stearns,
 Timothy J. Dacey, Jesse E. Keith, Daniel J. Sweeney,
 Curtis Davis, Elbridge G. Kelley, George W. Taft,
 I. W. Derby, Eben Kimball, Hugh J. Toland,
 Jarvis N. Dunham, George P. Kingsley, George F. Verry,
 Joseph M. Eaton, Samuel Loring, Michael F. Wells,
 Aug. B. Endicott, Henry B. Lovering, James B. Williams,
 James E. Estabrook, John T. Manny, Henry W. Wright,
 John E. Fitzgerald, Walter N. Mason, —71.

FOR CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken, John B. Hill, Joseph B. Morss,
 Albe C. Clark, James D. Hurlbut, Porter Nutting,
 Edward Dickinson, N. L. Johnson, Almon M. Orcutt,
 Francis Edson, Samuel O. Lamb, Warren Sibley,
 Nahum B. Hall, John F. Moors, William Whiting.
 John F. Haskins, —16.

FOR JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

FOR WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

John E. Sanford.—1.

FOR WENDELL PHILLIPS of Boston :

T. M. House —1.

FOR JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Nathan S. Jenkins.—1.

FOR BENJAMIN F. BUTLER of Lowell :

William F. Salmon.—1.

And there being no choice, the two branches separated.

WEDNESDAY, April 8, 1874.

The roll being called, the members present voted as follows, to wit:—

FOURTEENTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield:

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Asahel Gates,	Amasa Norcross,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Addison Gilbert,	Lysander J. Orcutt,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	Charles S. Osgood,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Brownell Granger,	Albert Palmer,
Geo. Bartholmesz,	Charles Hale,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.
William G. Bassett,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Henry W. Phelps,
B. T. Bacheller,	Abraham W. Harris,	Smith R. Phillips,
John H. Bell,	Francis B. Hayes,	Francis E. Porter,
John Bigelow,	Benjamin Heath,	J. A. Rich,
Samuel P. Billings,	A. Higginbottom,	Philip H. Robinson,
S. W. Brayton,	Joseph W. Hill,	Geo. D. Robinson,
Richard Britton,	David P. Howes,	Joseph W. Rogers,
James N. Buffum,	John B. Hull,	William R. Roundy,
Aaron O. Buxton,	Jonathan Johnson,	L. H. Sawin,
E. P. Carpenter,	George W. Jones,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Edward J. Jones,	E. H. Seymour,
Damon E. Cheney,	Thomas M. Judd,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Charles H. Killam,	Henry Shortle,
Francis E. Clark,	Lucius W. Knight,	Geo. D. Smalley,
Alfred A. Clatur,	Edward Learned,	Sumner Southworth,
L. J. Cole,	Joseph C. Little,	Thomas N. Stone,
J. W. Coveney,	Lewis Lombard,	John H. Studley,
John A. Cummings,	George B. Loring,	James G. Tarr,
Francis C. Curtis,	Charles A. Loud,	Daniel H. Thurston,
John Cushing,	Aaron Low,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Horatio A. Lucas,	Warren Tyler,
Henry C. Davis,	Julius M. Lyon,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
Jedediah Dwelley,	Horace H. Mayhew,	Henry S. Washburn,
Edward Eaton,	Moody Merrill,	Tisdale S. White,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	James L. Merritt,	Robert R. Wiley,
John B. Fairbanks,	Albert Montague,	Henry W. Wilson,
John H. Fisher,	W. Stanley Newhall,	Geo. C. Wright.—96.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord:

Messrs. William Abbott,	John Davol, Jr.,	Benjamin Howard,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Andrew Howes,
Sanford W. Billings,	C. C. Field,	R. Hutchinson,
Robert R. Bishop,	Joseph E. Fiske,	Edward J. Johnson,
Stephen F. Blaney,	Eustace C. Fitz,	Erastus Jones,
William E. Blunt,	John W. Fletcher,	Moses Kimball,
Fred. L. Bosworth,	Charles H. French,	William S. Knox,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	William Frost,	Jonathan A. Lane,
Reuben Boynton,	John J. Giles,	Henry D. Lay,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Samuel S. Ginnodo,	Daniel J. Lewis,
Charles R. Codman,	Elbridge H. Goss,	Willard Lewis,
George G. Crocker,	Horace Haskins,	Fred. W. Lincoln,
John Cummings,	John A. Hawes,	Edward P. Loring,
Ben. C. Currier,	Benjamin F. Hayes,	W. C. Lovering,

Messrs. Lyman Mason,	Henry L. Pratt,	Moses Smith,
Albert Mason,	John W. Rice,	Abraham H. Smith,
David Mayhew,	Joshua C. Robinson,	Frank. H. Sprague,
Edward McCleave,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,	Richard H. Stearns,
Daniel McCowan,	Nathaniel J. Rust,	Charles P. Stickney,
John J. McNutt,	George J. Sanger,	Leonard Washburn,
John B. Moore,	Cyrus Savage,	T. W. Wellington,
Avery W. Nelson,	John Savery,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Edward O. Noyes,	John Shaw,	Simon H. White,
Francis A. Nye,	William L. Slade,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
William E. Perkins,	J. K. C. Sleeper,	Samuel Winslow,
Willard P. Phillips,	Joshua B. Smith,	Henry V. Woods.
Charles L. Pratt,		—79.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	Walter N. Mason,
John Q. Adams,	Henry Fuller,	Andrew M. Morton,
Andrew Athy,	Jeremiah Gatchell,	William H. Murray,
Horace C. Bacon,	Thomas Gates,	Reuben Noble,
Emory Banister,	Ziba Gay,	Richard Olney,
Patrick Barry,	William B. Gibson,	James O. Parker,
Richard D. Blinn,	Andrew J. Gove,	Ezra Parmenter,
John C. Blood,	F. E. Gray,	Richard Pope,
Enos W. Boise,	Joshua P. Haskell,	Edward B. Rankin,
Dennis Bonner,	Samuel M. Haynes,	Lawrence Reade,
S. Butterworth,	James E. Hill,	E. P. Reed,
James H. Carleton,	George Hodges,	J. A. G. Richardson,
Patrick Collins,	N. E. Hollis,	William F. Salmon,
Austin H. Connell,	Francis M. Hughes,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Henry J. Couch,	Edward G. Hull,	George A. Shaw,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	Thomas Ingalls,	Charles L. Shaw,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Francis W. Jacobs,	Albert Smith,
Curtis Davis,	Jesse E. Keith,	Ezra Stearns,
I. W. Derby,	Elbridge G. Kelley,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Jarvis N. Dunham,	Eben Kimball,	George W. Taft,
Joseph M. Eaton,	Geo. P. Kingsley,	Hugh J. Toland,
Aug. B. Endicott,	Samuel Loring,	George F. Verry,
Jas. E. Estabrook,	Henry B. Lovering,	Michael F. Wells,
John E. Fitzgerald,	John T. Manny,	H. W. Wright.—72.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs David Aiken,	John B. Hill,	Joseph B. Morss,
Albe C. Clark,	James D. Hurlbut,	Porter Nutting,
Edward Dickinson,	N. L. Johnson,	Almon M. Orcutt,
Francis Edson,	Samuel O. Lamb,	Warren Sibley,
Nahum B. Hall,	John F. Moors,	William Whiting.
John F. Haskins,		—16.

For JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Messrs. Gayton M. Hall and Nathan S. Jenkins.—2.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

John E. Sanford—1.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks—1.

For WENDELL PHILLIPS of Boston :

T. M. House—1.

For GEORGE T. BIGELOW of Boston :

Samuel S. Gleason—1.

And there was no choice.

The convention proceeded to another vote, and the result was as follows :—

FIFTEENTH VOTE.

The following named members voted for HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Samuel S. Gleason,	Charles S. Osgood,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	Albert Palmer,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Brownell Granger,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Charles Hale,	Henry W. Phelps,
Geo. Bartholmesz,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Smith R. Phillips,
William G. Bassett,	Abraham W. Harris,	Francis E. Porter,
B. T. Bacheller,	Francis B. Hayes,	Charles L. Pratt,
John H. Bell,	Benjamin Heath,	J. A. Rich,
John Bigelow,	A. Higginbottom,	Philip H. Robinson,
Samuel P. Billings,	Joseph W. Hill,	Geo. D. Robinson,
S. W. Brayton,	David P. Howes,	Joseph W. Rogers,
Richard Britton,	John B. Hull,	Wm. R. Roundy,
James N. Buffum,	Jonathan Johnson,	L. H. Sawin,
Aaron O. Buxton,	George W. Jones,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Edward J. Jones,	E. H. Seymour,
Damon E. Cheney,	Thomas M. Judd,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Lucius W. Knight,	Henry Shortle,
Francis E. Clark,	Edward Learned,	George D. Smalley,
Alfred A. Clatur,	Lewis Lombard,	Sumner Southworth,
L. J. Cole,	George B. Loring,	Thomas N. Stone,
J. W. Coveney,	Charles A. Loud,	John H. Studley,
John A. Cummings,	Aaron Low,	James G. Tarr,
Francis C. Curtis,	Horatio A. Lucas,	Daniel H. Thurston,
John Cushing,	Julius M. Lyon,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Henry C. Davis,	Horace H. Mayhew,	Warren Tyler,
Edward Eaton,	Moody Merrill,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	James L. Merritt,	Henry S. Washburn,
John B. Fairbanks,	W. Stanley Newhall,	Tisdale S. White,
John H. Fisher,	Amasa Norcross,	Robert R. Wiley,
Asahel Gates,	Lysander J. Orcutt,	George C. Wright.
Addison Gilbert,		—91.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Eustace C. Fitz,	Moses Kimball,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Charles H. French,	William S. Knox,
Sanford W. Billings,	William Frost,	Jonathan A. Lane,
Robert R. Bishop,	Samuel S. Ginnodo,	Henry D. Lay,
William E. Blunt,	Elbridge H. Goss,	Daniel J. Lewis,
Samuel H. Boutwell,	Horace Haskins,	Willard Lewis,
Reuben Boynton,	John A. Hawes,	Fred. W. Lincoln,
Charles R. Codman,	Benjamin F. Hayes,	Edward P. Loring,
John Cummings,	Benjamin Howard,	W. C. Lovering,
Ben. C. Currier,	Andrew Howes,	Lyman Mason,
John Davol, Jr.,	R. Hutchinson,	Albert Mason,
Geo O. Fairbanks,	Edward J. Johnson,	Edward McCleave,
C. C. Field,	Erastus Jones,	Daniel McCowan,

Messrs. John J. McNutt,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,	Richard H. Stearns,
John B. Moore,	Nathaniel J. Rust,	Charles P. Stickney,
Avery W. Nelson,	George J. Sanger,	Leonard Washburn,
Edward O. Noyes,	John Savery,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Francis A. Nye,	John Shaw,	Simon H. White,
William E. Perkins,	William L. Slade,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Willard P. Phillips,	J. K. C. Sleeper,	Samuel Winslow,
Henry L. Pratt,	Joshua B. Smith,	Henry V. Woods.
Joshua C. Robinson,	Abraham H. Smith,	—65.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	Walter N. Mason,
John Q. Adams,	Henry Fuller,	Andrew M. Morton,
Andrew Athy,	Jeremiah Gatchell,	William H. Murray,
Horace C. Bacon,	Thomas Gates,	Reuben Noble,
Emory Banister,	Ziba Gay,	Richard Olney,
Patrick Barry,	Wm. B. Gibson,	James O. Parker,
Richard D. Blinn,	Andrew J. Gove,	Ezra Parmenter,
John C. Blood,	F. E. Gray,	Richard Pope,
Enos W. Boise,	Joshua P. Haskell,	Edward Rankin,
Dennis Bonner,	Samuel M. Haynes,	Lawrence Reade,
S. Butterworth,	James E. Hill,	E. P. Reed,
James H. Carleton,	George Hodges,	J. A. G. Richardson,
Patrick Collins,	N. E. Hollis,	William F. Salmon,
Austin H. Connell,	Francis M. Hughes,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Henry J. Couch,	Edward G. Hull,	George A. Shaw,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	Thomas Ingalls,	Charles L. Shaw,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Francis W. Jacobs,	Albert Smith,
Curtis Davis,	Jesse E. Keith,	Ezra Stearns,
L. W. Derby,	Elbridge G. Kelley,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Jarvis N. Dunham,	Eben Kimball,	George W. Taft,
Joseph M. Eaton,	George P. Kingsley,	Hugh J. Toland,
Aug. B. Endicott,	Samuel Loring,	George F. Verry,
Jas. E. Estabrook,	Henry B. Lovering,	Michael F. Wells,
John E. Fitzgerald,	John T. Manny,	H. W. Wright —72.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken,	John F. Haskins,	John F. Moors,
Alonzo A. Carr,	John B. Hill,	Joseph B. Morse,
Albe C. Clark,	James D. Hurlbut,	Porter Nutting,
George G. Crocker,	N. L. Johnson,	Almon M. Orcutt,
Edward Dickinson,	Samuel O. Lamb,	Warren Sibley,
Francis Edson,	Albert Montague,	William Whiting.
Nahum B. Hall,		—19.

For JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney,	Nathan S. Jenkins,	Moses Smith,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Joseph C. Little,	Frank. H. Sprague,
Thos. S. Cushman,	John W. Rice,	James B. Williams.
Gayton M. Hall,	Cyrus Savage,	—11.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

Messrs. E. P. Carpenter,	John W. Fletcher,	David Mayhew,
Jedediah Dwelley,	John J. Giles,	John E. Sanford.
Joseph E. Fiske,		—7.

For JAMES D. COLT of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles H. Killam and T. W. Wellington.—2.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

N P. Banks.—1.

For WENDELL PHILLIPS of Boston :

T. M. House.—1.

And there was no choice. The convention again proceeded to vote as follows, to wit :—

SIXTEENTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Samuel S. Gleason,	Charles S. Osgood,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	Albert Palmer,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Brownell Granger,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Charles Hale,	Henry W. Phelps,
Geo. Barthomesz,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Smith R. Phillips,
William G. Bassett,	Abraham W. Harris,	Francis E. Porter,
B. T. Batcheller,	Francis B. Hayes,	Charles L. Pratt,
John H. Bell,	Benjamin Heath,	J. A. Rich,
John Bigelow,	A. Higginbottom,	Philip H. Robinson,
Samuel P. Billings,	Joseph W. Hill,	Geo. D. Robinson,
S. W. Brayton,	David P. Howes,	Joseph W. Rogers,
Richard Britton,	John B. Hull,	William R. Roundy,
James N. Buffum,	Jonathan Johnson,	L. H. Sawin,
Aaron O. Buxton,	George W. Jones,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Edward J. Jones,	E. H. Seymour,
Damon E. Cheney,	Thomas M. Judd,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Lucius W. Knight,	Henry Shortle,
Francis E. Clark,	Edward Learned,	George D. Smalley,
Alfred A. Clatur,	Lewis Lombard,	Sumner Southworth,
L. J. Cole,	George B. Loring,	Thomas N. Stone,
J. W. Coveney,	Charles A. Loud,	John H. Studley,
Francis C. Curtis,	Alton Low,	James G. Tarr,
John Cushing,	Horatio A. Lucas,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Henry C. Davis,	Julius M. Lyon,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Edward Eaton,	Horace H. Mayhew,	Warren Tyler,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Moody Merrill,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
John B. Fairbanks,	James L. Merritt,	Henry S. Washburn,
John H. Fisher,	W. Stanley Newhall,	Tisdale S. White,
Asahel Gates,	Amasa Norcross,	Robert R. Wiley,
Addison Gilbert,	Lysander J. Orcutt,	Geo. C. Wright.—90.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Ben. C. Currier,	Elbridge H. Goss,
Joseph E. Bailey,	John Davol, Jr.,	John A. Hawes,
Sanford W. Billings,	Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Benjamin F. Hayes,
Robert R. Bishop,	C. C. Field,	Benjamin Howard,
William E. Blunt,	Eustace C. Fitz,	Andrew Howes,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	John W. Fletcher,	R. Hutchinson,
Reuben Boynton,	Charles H. French,	Edward J. Johnson,
Charles R. Codman,	William Frost,	Erastus Jones,
John Cummings,	John J. Giles,	Moses Kimball,

Messrs. William S. Knox,	John J. McNutt,	John Savery,
Jonathan A. Lane,	John B. Moore,	John Shaw,
Henry D. Lay,	Avery W. Nelson,	William L. Slade,
Daniel J. Lewis,	Edward O. Noyes,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
Willard Lewis,	Francis A. Nye,	Joshua B. Smith,
Frederic W. Lincoln,	William E. Perkins,	Abraham H. Smith,
Edward P. Loring,	Willard P. Phillips,	Richard H. Stearns,
W. C. Lovering,	Henry L. Pratt,	Leonard Washburn,
Lyman Mason,	Joshua C. Robinson,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Albert Mason,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,	Simon H. White,
Edward McCleave,	Nathaniel J. Rust,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Daniel McCowan,	George J. Sanger,	H. V. Woods.—63.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	Walter N. Mason,
John Q. Adams,	Henry Fuller,	Andrew M. Morton,
Andrew Athy,	Jeremiah Gatchell,	William H. Murray,
Horace C. Bacon,	Thomas Gates,	Reuben Noble,
Emory Banister,	Ziba Gay,	Richard Olney,
Patrick Barry,	Wm. B. Gibson,	James O. Parker,
Richard D. Blinn,	Andrew J. Gove,	Ezra Parmenter,
John C. Blood,	F. E. Gray,	Richard Pope,
Enos W. Boise,	Joshua P. Haskell,	Edward B. Rankin,
Dennis Bonner,	Samuel M. Haynes,	Lawrence Reade,
S. Butterworth,	James E. Hill,	E. P. Reed,
James H. Carleton,	George Hodges,	J. A. G. Richardson,
Patrick Collins,	N. E. Hollis,	William F. Salmon,
Austin H. Connell,	Francis M. Hughes,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Henry J. Couch,	Edward G. Hull,	George A. Shaw,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	Thomas Ingalls,	Charles L. Shaw,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Francis W. Jacobs,	Albert Smith,
Curtis Davis,	Jesse E. Keith,	Ezra Stearns,
I. W. Derby,	Elbridge G. Kelley,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Jarvis N. Dunham,	Eben Kimball,	George W. Taft,
Joseph M. Eaton,	George P. Kingsley,	Hugh J. Toland,
Aug. B. Endicott,	Samuel Loring,	George F. Verry,
James E. Estabrook,	Henry B. Lovering,	Michael F. Wells,
John E. Fitzgerald,	John T. Manny,	H. W. Wright.—72.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken,	John F. Haskins,	John F. Moors,
Alonzo A. Carr,	John B. Hill,	Joseph B. Morss,
Albe C. Clark,	James D. Hurlbut,	Porter Nutting,
George G. Crocker,	N. L. Johnson,	Almon M. Orcutt,
Edward Dickinson,	Samuel O. Lamb,	Warren Sibley,
Francis Edson,	Albert Montague,	William Whiting.
Nahum B. Hall,		—19.

For JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney,	Horace Haskins,	Cyrus Savage,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Nathan S. Jenkins,	Moses Smith,
Thos S. Cushman,	Joseph C. Little,	F. H. Sprague,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	John W. Rice,	Henry W. Wilson.
Gayton M. Hall,		—19.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

Messrs. E. P. Carpenter, Joseph E. Fiske, John E. Sanford,
Jedediah Dwelley, David Mayhew. C. P. Stickney.—6.

For CHARLES DEVENS, Jr. of Worcester :

John A. Cummings, and Samuel Winslow.—2.

For JAMES D. COLT of Pittsfield :

Charles H. Killam, and T. W. Wellington.—2.

For WENDELL PHILLIPS of Boston :

T. M. House.—1.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

And there was no choice.

Thereupon, the convention again proceeded to vote,
the members present voting as follows :—

SEVENTEENTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Albert Palmer,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Abraham W. Harris,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Francis B. Hayes,	Henry W. Phelps,
William G. Bassett,	Benjamin Heath,	Smith R. Phillips,
B. T. Batcheller,	A. Higginbottom,	Francis E. Porter,
John H. Bell,	David P. Howes,	Charles L. Pratt,
John Bigelow,	John B. Hull,	J. A. Rich,
Samuel P. Billings,	Jonathan Johnson,	Philip H. Robinson,
S. W. Brayton,	George W. Jones,	Geo. D. Robinson,
Richard Britton,	Edward J. Jones,	Joseph W. Rogers,
James N. Buffum,	Thomas M. Judd,	William R. Roundy,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Charles H. Killam,	L. H. Sawin,
Damon E. Cheney,	Lucius W. Knight,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Francis E. Clark,	Edward Learned,	E. H. Seymour,
Alfred A. Clatur,	Lewis Lombard,	Henry P. Shattuck,
L. J. Cole,	George B. Loring,	Henry Shortle,
Francis C. Curtis,	Charles A. Loud,	Sumner Southworth,
John Cushing,	Aaron Low,	Thomas N. Stone,
Edward Eaton,	Horatio A. Lucas,	John H. Studley,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Julius M. Lyon,	James G. Tarr,
John B. Fairbanks,	Horace H. Mayhew,	Daniel H. Thurston,
John H. Fisher,	Moody Merrill,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Asahel Gates,	James L. Merritt,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
Addison Gilbert,	Albert Montague,	Henry S. Washburn,
Samuel S. Gleason,	W. Stanley Newhall,	Tisdale S. White,
Levi L. Goodspeed,	Amasa Norcross,	Robert R. Wiley,
Brownell Granger,	Lysander J. Orcutt,	George C. Wright.
Charles Hale,		—82.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott, Robert R. Bishop, Reuben Boynton,
Joseph E. Bailey, William E. Blunt, Charles R. Codman,
Sanford W. Billings, Sam'l H. Boutwell, George G. Crocker,

JOINT CONVENTION FOR THE

Messrs. John Cummings,	Erastus Jones,	William E. Perkins,
Ben. C. Currier,	Moses Kimball,	Willard P. Phillips,
Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Jonathan A. Lane,	Joshua C. Robinson,
C. C. Field,	Henry D. Lay,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
Eustace C. Fitz,	Daniel J. Lewis,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
John W. Fletcher,	Willard Lewis,	George J. Sanger,
Charles H. French,	Frederic W. Lincoln,	John Shaw,
William Frost,	Edward P. Loring,	William L. Slade,
John J. Giles,	W. C. Lovering,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
Elbridge H. Goss,	Lyman Mason,	Joshua B. Smith,
Horace Haskins,	Albert Mason,	Richard H. Stearns,
John A. Hawes,	Edward McCleave,	Leonard Washburn,
Benj. F. Hayes,	John J. McNutt,	T. W. Wellington,
Benj. Howard,	John B. Moore,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Andrew Howes,	Avery W. Nelson,	Simon H. White,
R. Hutchinson,	Edward O. Noyes,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Edward J. Johnson,	Francis A. Nye,	H. V. Woods.—60.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	Walter N. Mason,
John Q. Adams,	Henry Fuller,	Andrew M. Morton,
Andrew Athy,	Jeremiah Gatchell,	William H. Murray,
Horace C. Bacon,	Thomas Gates,	Reuben Noble,
Emory Banister,	Ziba Gay,	Richard Olney,
Patrick Barry,	Wm. B. Gibson,	James O. Parker,
Richard D. Blinn,	Andrew J. Gove,	Ezra Parmenter,
John C. Blood,	F. E. Gray,	Richard Pope,
Enos W. Boise,	Joshua P. Haskell,	Edward B. Rankin,
Dennis Bonner,	Samuel M. Haynes,	Lawrence Reade,
S. Butterworth,	James E. Hill,	E. P. Reed,
James H. Carleton,	George Hodges,	J. A. G. Richardson,
Patrick Collins,	N. E. Hollis,	William F. Salmon,
Austin H. Connell,	Francis M. Hughes,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Henry J. Couch,	Edward G. Hull,	George A. Shaw,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	Thomas Ingalls,	Charles L. Shaw,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Francis W. Jacobs,	Albert Smith,
Curtis Davis,	Jesse E. Keith,	Ezra Stearns,
I. W. Derby,	Elbridge G. Kelley,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Jarvis N. Dunham,	Eben Kimball,	George W. Taft,
Joseph M. Eaton,	George P. Kingsley,	Hugh J. Toland,
Aug. B. Endicott,	Samuel Loring,	George F. Verry,
Jas. E. Estabrook,	Henry B. Lovering,	Michael F. Wells,
John E. Fitzgerald,	John T. Manny,	H. W. Wright.—72.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken,	John F. Haskins,	John F. Moors,
Alonzo A. Carr,	John B. Hill,	Joseph B. Morss,
Albe C. Clark,	James D. Hurlbut,	Porter Nutting,
Edward Dickinson,	N. L. Johnson,	Almon M. Orcutt,
Francis Edson,	Samuel O. Lamb,	William Whiting.
Nahum B. Hall,		—16.

For JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney,	Gayton M. Hall,	Moses Smith,
Fred. L. Bosworth,	Nathan S. Jenkins,	F. H. Sprague,
Thos. S. Cushman,	John W. Rice,	Henry W. Wilson.
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	Cyrus Savage,	—11.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz, Henry C. Davis, Daniel McCowan,
 Aaron O. Buxton, John Davol, Jr., Henry L. Pratt.—7.
 J. W. Coveney,

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

Messrs. E. P. Carpenter, Joseph E. Fiske, John E. Sanford.—5.
 Jedediah Dwelley, David Mayhew,

For CHARLES DEVENS, Jr., of Worcester :

Messrs. John A. Cummings, William S. Knox,
 Joseph W. Hill; Sam'l Winslow.—4.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks—1.

For AMASA WALKER of North Brookfield :

Warren Tyler—1.

For WENDELL PHILLIPS of Boston :

T. M. House—1.

For CHARLES HALE of Boston :

Charles S. Osgood—1.

And there being no choice, the two branches separated.

THURSDAY, April 9, 1874.

The roll being called the members present voted as follows :—

EIGHTEENTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Francis E. Clark,	Brownell Granger,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Alfred A. Clatur,	Charles Hale,
Prentiss C. Baird,	L. J. Cole,	Solomon E. Hallett,
Henry L. Bancroft,	John A. Cummings,	Abraham W. Harris,
William G. Bassett,	John Cushing,	Francis B. Hayes,
B. T. Batcheller,	Edward Eaton,	Benj. Heath,
John H. Bell,	Lucian F. Eldridge,	A. Higginbottom,
John Bigelow,	John B. Fairbanks,	Joseph W. Hill,
Samuel P. Billings,	John H. Fisher,	David P. Howes,
S. W. Brayton,	Charles Fitz,	John B. Hull,
Richard Britton,	George S. Gates,	Jonathan Johnson,
James N. Buffum,	Asahel Gates,	George W. Jones,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Addison Gilbert,	Edward J. Jones,
Damon E. Cheney,	Samuel S. Gleason,	Thomas M. Judd,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	Charles H. Killam,

Messrs. Lucius W. Knight,	Charles S. Osgood,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Edward Learned,	Albert Palmer,	Henry Shortle,
Joseph C. Little,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,	George D. Smalley,
Lewis Lombard,	Henry W. Phelps,	Sumner Southworth,
George B. Loring,	Smith R. Phillips,	Thomas N. Stone,
Charles A. Loud,	Francis E. Porter,	John H. Studley,
Aaron Low,	Charles L. Pratt,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Horatio A. Lucas,	J. A. Rich,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Julius M. Lyon,	Philip H. Robinson,	Warren Tyler,
Horace H. Mayhew,	Geo. D. Robinson,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
Moody Merrill,	Joseph W. Rogers,	Henry S. Washburn,
James L. Merritt,	William R. Roundy,	Tisdale S. White,
Albert Montague,	L. H. Sawin,	Robert R. Wiley,
W. Stanley Newhall,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,*	Henry W. Wilson,
Amasa Norcross,	E. H. Seymour,	George C. Wright.
Lysander J. Orcutt,		—91.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Benj. Howard,	William E. Perkins,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Andrew Howes,	Willard P. Phillips,
Sanford W. Billings,	Thos. P. Hurlbut,	John W. Rice,
Robert R. Bishop,	R. Hutchinson,	Joshua C. Robinson,
William E. Blunt,	Edward J. Johnson,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Erastus Jones,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Moses Kimball,	George J. Sanger,
Reuben Boynton,	William S. Knox,	John Savery,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Jonathan A. Lane,	John Shaw,
Charles R. Codman,	Henry D. Lay,	William L. Slade,
George G. Crocker,	Daniel J. Lewis,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
John Cummings,	Willard Lewis,	Joshua B. Smith,
Ben. C. Currier,	Frederic W. Lincoln,	Moses Smith,
Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Edward P. Loring,	Abraham H. Smith,
C. C. Field,	W. C. Lovering,	Frank. H. Sprague,
Eustace C. Fitz,	Lyman Mason,	Richard H. Stearns,
John W. Fletcher,	Albert Mason,	Isaac Stebbins,
Charles H. French,	David Mayhew,	Charles P. Stickney,
William Frost,	Edward McCleave,	Leonard Washburn,
John J. Giles,	John J. McNutt,	T. W. Wellington,
Elbridge H. Goss,	John B. Moore,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Horace Haskins,	Avery W. Nelson,	Simon H. White,
John A. Hawes,	Edward O. Noyes,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Benj. F. Hayes,	Francis A. Nye,	Sam'l Winslow.—72.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Austin H. Connell,	Jeremiah Gatchell,
John Q. Adams,	Henry J. Couch,	Thomas Gates,
Andrew Athy,	Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	Ziba Gay,
Horace C. Bacon,	Timothy J. Dacey,	Wm. B. Gibson,
Emory Banister,	Curtis Davis,	Andrew J. Gove,
Patrick Barry,	I. W. Derby,	F. E. Gray,
Richard D. Blinn,	Jarvis N. Dunham,	Joshua P. Haskell,
John C. Blood,	Joseph M. Eaton,	Samuel M. Haynes,
Enos W. Boise,	Aug. B. Endicott,	James E. Hill,
Dennis Bonner,	James E. Estabrook,	George Hodges,
S. Butterworth,	John E. Fitzgerald,	N. E. Hollis,
James H. Carleton,	Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	Francis M. Hughes,
Patrick Collins,	Henry Fuller,	Edward G. Hull,

Messrs. Thomas Ingalls,	Reuben Noble,	Charles L. Shaw,
Francis W. Jacobs,	Richard Olney,	Albert Smith,
Jesse E. Keith,	James O. Parker,	Rufus Smith,
Eben Kimball,	Ezra Parmenter,	Ezra Stearns,
George P. Kingsley,	Richard Pope,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Samuel Loring,	Edward B. Rankin,	George W. Taft,
Henry B. Lovering,	Lawrence Reade,	Hugh J. Toland,
John T. Manny,	E. P. Reed,	George F. Verry,
Walter N. Mason,	J. A. G. Richardson,	Michael F. Wells,
Joseph B. Morss,	William F. Salmon,	James B. Williams,
Andrew M. Morton,	Nathaniel Seaver,	Henry W. Wright.
William H. Murray,	George A. Shaw,	—74.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken,	John F. Haskins,	Porter Nutting,
Albe C. Clark,	John B. Hill,	Almon M. Orcutt,
Edward Dickinson,	James D. Hurlbut,	Warren Sibley,
Francis Edson,	Samuel O. Lamb,	William Whiting,
Nahum B. Hall,	John F. Moors,	N. L. Johnson.—15.

For JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney,	Sam'l S. Ginnodo,	Nathan S. Jenkins,
Francis C. Curtis,	Gayton M. Hall,	Cyrus Savage,
Thos. S. Cushman,	T. M. House,	H. V. Woods.—9.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

Messrs. E. P. Carpenter,	John E. Sanford,
Joseph E. Fiske,	Jed. Dwelley.—4.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz,	Henry C. Davis,	Daniel McCowan,
Aaron O. Buxton,	John Davol, Jr.,	Henry L. Pratt.
J. W. Coveney,		—7.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

And there being no choice, the convention adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 10, 1874.

The roll being called the members present voted as follows :—

NINETEENTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	John Bigelow,	Francis E. Clark,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Samuel P. Billings,	Alfred A. Clatur,
Prentiss C. Baird,	S. W. Brayton,	L. J. Cole,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Richard Britton,	John Cushing,
William G. Bassett,	James N. Buffum,	Edward Eaton,
B. T. Batcheller,	Cyrus W. Chapman,	Lucian F. Eldridge,
John H. Bell,	Damon E. Cheney,	John B. Fairbanks,

JOINT CONVENTION FOR THE

Messrs. John H. Fisher,	Edward Learned,	J. A. Rich,
Charles Fitz,	Joseph C. Little,	Geo. D. Robinson,
George S. Gates,	Lewis Lombard,	William R. Roundy,
Asahel Gates,	George B. Loring,	L. H. Sawin,
Addison Gilbert,	Charles A. Loud,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Samuel S. Gleason,	Aaron Low,	E. H. Seymour,
Levi L. Goodspeed,	Horatio A. Lucas,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Brownell Granger,	Julius M. Lyon,	Henry Shortle,
Charles Hale,	Horace H. Mayhew,	George D. Smalley,
Solomon E. Hallett,	Moody Merrill,	Sumner Southworth,
Abraham W. Harris,	James L. Merritt,	Thomas N. Stone,
Francis B. Hayes,	Albert Montague,	John H. Studley,
Benj. Heath,	W. Stanley Newhall,	James G. Tarr,
A. Higginbottom,	Amasa Norcross,	Daniel H. Thurston,
David P. Howes,	Lysander J. Orcutt,	Artemas S. Tyler,
John B. Hull,	Charles S. Osgood,	Warren Tyler,
Jonathan Johnson,	Albert Palmer,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
George W. Jones,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,	Henry S. Washburn,
Edward J. Jones,	Henry W. Phelps,	Tisdale S. White,
Thomas M. Judd,	Smith R. Phillips,	Robert R. Wiley,
Charles H. Killam,	Francis E. Porter,	Henry W. Wilson,
Lucius W. Knight,	Charles L. Pratt,	G. C. Wright.—87.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Benj. Howard,	William E. Perkins,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Andrew Howes,	Willard P. Phillips,
Sanford W. Billings,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,	John W. Rice,
Robert R. Bishop,	R. Hutchinson,	Joshua C. Robinson,
William E. Blunt,	Edward J. Johnson,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Erastus Jones,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Moses Kimball,	George J. Sanger,
Reuben Boynton,	Jonathan A. Lane,	John Savery,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Henry D. Lay,	John Shaw,
Charles R. Codman,	Daniel J. Lewis,	William L. Slade,
George G. Crocker,	Willard Lewis,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
John Cummings,	Frederic W. Lincoln,	Joshua B. Smith,
Ben. C. Currier,	Edward P. Loring,	Abraham H. Smith,
Geo. O. Fairbanks,	W. C. Lovering,	Frank. H. Sprague,
C. C. Field,	Lyman Mason,	Richard H. Stearns,
Eustace C. Fitz,	Albert Mason,	Isaac Stebbins,
John W. Fletcher,	David Mayhew,	Charles P. Stickney,
Charles H. French,	Edward McCleave,	Leonard Washburn,
William Frost,	John J. McNutt,	T. W. Wellington,
John J. Giles,	Albert Montague,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Elbridge H. Goss,	William H. Murray,	Simon H. White,
John A. Hawes,	Edward O. Noyes,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Benj. F. Hayes,	Francis A. Nye,	H. V. Woods.—69.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Enos W. Boise,	Timothy J. Dacey,
John Q. Adams,	Dennis Bonner,	Curtis Davis,
Andrew Athy,	S. Butterworth,	I. W. Derby,
Horace C. Bacon,	James H. Carleton,	Jarvis N. Dunham,
Emory Banister,	Patrick Collins,	Joseph M. Eaton,
Patrick Barry,	Austin H. Connell,	Aug. B. Endicott,
Richard D. Blinn,	Henry J. Couch,	Jas. E. Estabrook,
John C. Blood,	Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	John E. Fitzgerald,

Messrs. Thos. F. Fitz Gerald, Francis W. Jacobs, Lawrence Reade,
 Henry Fuller, Jesse E. Keith, E. P. Reed,
 Jeremiah Gatchell, Eben Kimball, William F. Salmon,
 Thomas Gates, George P. Kingsley, Nathaniel Seaver,
 Ziba Gay, Samuel Loring, George A. Shaw,
 Wm. B. Gibson, Henry B. Lovering, Charles L. Shaw,
 Andrew J. Gove, John T. Manny, Albert Smith,
 F. E. Gray, Walter N. Mason, Rufus Smith,
 Joshua P. Haskell, Joseph B. Morss, Ezra Stearns,
 Samuel M. Haynes, William H. Murray, Daniel J. Sweeney,
 James E. Hill, Reuben Noble, George W. Taft,
 George Hodges, Richard Olney, Hugh J. Toland,
 N. E. Hollis, James O. Parker, George F. Verry,
 Francis M. Hughes, Ezra Parmenter, Michael F. Wells,
 Edward G. Hull, Richard Pope, James B. Williams,
 Thomas Ingalls, Edward B. Rankin, H. W. Wright.—72.

FOR CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken, John F. Haskins, Porter Nutting,
 Thos. S. Cushman, John B. Hill, Almon M. Orcutt,
 Edward Dickinson, Samuel O. Lamb, Warren Sibley,
 Francis Edson, John F. Moors, Wm. Whiting.—13.
 Nahum B. Hall,

FOR NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz, Henry C. Davis, Henry L. Pratt,
 Aaron O. Buxton, John Davol, Jr., J. A. G. Richardson.
 J. W. Coveney, Daniel McCowan, —8.

FOR ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester :

Messrs. John A. Cummings, Joseph W. Hill, Moses Smith,
 Francis C. Curtis, James D. Hurlbut, Samuel Winslow.
 Horace Haskins, —7.

FOR JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney, Gayton M. Hall, Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Thos. S. Cushman, T. M. House, Cyrus Savage.—7.
 Samuel S. Ginnodo,

FOR WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

Messrs. E. P. Carpenter, Joseph E. Fiske,
 Jedediah Dwelley, John E. Sanford—4.

FOR JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

And no election having been made, the convention proceeded to another vote; and the roll being called, the members present voted as follows, to wit:—

TWENTIETH VOTE.

FOR HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden, William G. Bassett, Samuel P. Billings,
 Andrew J. Bailey, B. T. Batcheller, S. W. Brayton,
 Prentiss C. Baird, John H. Bell, Richard Britton,
 Henry L. Bancroft, John Bigelow, James N. Buffum,

JOINT CONVENTION FOR THE

Messrs. Cyrus W. Chapman,	George W. Jones,	Francis E. Porter,
Damon E. Cheney,	Edward J. Jones,	Charles L. Pratt,
Francis E. Clark,	Thomas M. Judd,	J. A. Rich,
Alfred A. Clatur,	Lucius W. Knight,	Geo. D. Robinson,
L. J. Cole,	Edward Learned,	William R. Roundy,
John Cushing,	Joseph C. Little,	L. H. Sawin,
Edward Eaton,	Lewis Lombard,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	George B. Loring,	E. H. Seymour,
John B. Fairbanks,	Charles A. Loud,	Henry P. Shattuck,
John H. Fisher,	Aaron Low,	Henry Shortle,
Charles Fitz,	Horatio A. Lucas,	George D. Smalley,
Asahel Gates,	Julius M. Lyon,	Sumner Southworth,
Addison Gilbert,	Horace H. Mayhew,	Thomas N. Stone,
Samuel S. Gleason,	Moody Merrill,	John H. Studley,
Levi L. Goodspeed,	James L. Merritt,	James G. Tarr,
Brownell Granger,	Albert Montague,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Charles Hale,	W. Stanley Newhall,	Warren Tyler,
Solomon E. Hallett,	Amasa Norcross,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
Abraham W. Harris,	Lysander J. Orcutt,	Henry S. Washburn,
Francis B. Hayes,	Charles S. Osgood,	Tisdale S. White,
Benj. Heath,	Albert Palmer,	Robert R. Wiley,
A. Higginbottom,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,	Henry W. Wilson,
David P. Howes,	Henry W. Phelps,	George C. Wright.
John B. Hull,	Smith R. Phillips,	—83.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Benj. F. Hayes,	Edward O. Noyes,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Benj. Howard,	Francis A. Nye,
Sanford W. Billings,	Andrew Howes,	William E. Perkins,
Robert R. Bishop,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,	Willard P. Phillips,
William E. Blunt,	R. Hutchinson,	John W. Rice,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Edward J. Johnson,	Joshua C. Robinson,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Erastus Jones,	George J. Sanger,
Reuben Boynton,	Moses Kimball,	John Shaw,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Jonathan A. Lane,	William L. Slade,
Charles R. Codman,	Henry D. Lay,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
George G. Crocker,	Daniel J. Lewis,	Joshua B. Smith,
John Cummings,	Willard Lewis,	Abraham H. Smith,
Ben. C. Currier,	Frederic W. Lincoln,	Frank. H. Sprague,
Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Edward P. Loring,	Richard H. Stearns,
C. C. Field,	W. C. Lovering,	Isaac Stebbins,
Eustace C. Fitz,	Lyman Mason,	Chas. P. Stickney,
John W. Fletcher,	Albert Mason,	Leonard Washburn,
Charles H. French,	David Mayhew,	T. W. Wellington,
William Frost,	Edward McCleave,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	John J. McNutt,	Simon H. White,
Elbridge H. Goss,	John B. Moore,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
John A. Hawes,	Avery W. Nelson,	H. V. Woods.—66.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	John C. Blood,	Henry J. Couch,
John Q. Adams,	Enos W. Boise,	Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,
Andrew Athy,	Dennis Bonner,	Timothy J. Dacey,
Horace C. Bacon,	S. Butterworth,	Curtis Davis,
Emory Banister,	James H. Carleton,	I. W. Derby,
Patrick Barry,	Patrick Collins,	Jarvis N. Dunham,
Richard D. Blinn,	Austin H. Connell,	Joseph M. Eaton,

Messrs. Aug. B. Endicott, Edward G. Hull, Richard Pope,
 James E. Estabrook, Thomas Ingalls, Edward B. Rankin,
 John E. Fitzgerald, Francis W. Jacobs, Lawrence Reade,
 Thos. F. Fitz Gerald, Jesse E. Keith, E. P. Reed,
 Henry Fuller, Eben Kimball, Nathaniel Seaver,
 Jeremiah Gatchell, George P. Kingsley, George A. Shaw,
 Thomas Gates, Samuel Loring, Charles L. Shaw,
 Ziba Gay, Henry B. Lovering, Albert Smith,
 Wm. B. Gibson, John T. Manny, Rufus Smith,
 Andrew J. Gove, Walter N. Mason, Ezra Stearns,
 F. E. Gray, Joseph B. Morss, Daniel J. Sweeney,
 Joshua P. Haskell, Andrew M. Morton, George W. Taft,
 Samuel M. Haynes, William H. Murray, Hugh J. Toland,
 James E. Hill, Reuben Noble, George F. Verry,
 George Hodges, Richard Olney, Michael F. Wells,
 N. E. Hollis, James O. Parker, James B. Williams,
 Francis M. Hughes, Ezra Parmenter, H. W. Wright.—72.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken, John F. Haskins, Porter Nutting,
 Albe C. Clark, John B. Hill, Almon M. Orcutt,
 Edward Dickinson, Samuel O. Lamb, Warren Sibley,
 Francis Edson, John F. Moors, Wm. Whiting.—13.
 Nahum B. Hall,

For ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester :

Messrs. John A. Cummings, Horace Haskins, John Savery,
 Francis C. Curtis, Joseph W. Hill, Moses Smith,
 George S. Gates, James D. Hurlbut, Artemas S. Tyler,
 John J. Giles, Jonathan Johnson, Sam'l Winslow.—12.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz, John Davol, Jr., J. A. G. Richardson,
 Aaron O. Buxton, Daniel McCowan, J. W. Coveney.—8.
 Henry C. Davis, Henry L. Pratt,

For JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney, T. M. House, Charles H. Killam,
 Thos. S. Cushman, Nathan S. Jenkins, Cyrus Savage.—7.
 Gayton M. Hall,

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

Messrs. E. P. Carpenter, Joseph E. Fiske,
 Jedediah Dwelley, John E. Sanford.—4.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

For G. F. HOAR of Worcester :

Chas. Robinson, Jr.—1.

For REUBEN NOBLE of Westfield :

William F. Salmon.—1.

For MARY A. LIVERMORE :

Nathaniel J. Rust.—1.

And there being no choice, the two branches separated.

SATURDAY, April 11, 1874.

The roll being called the members present voted as follows :—

TWENTY-FIRST VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Addison Gilbert,	Lysander J. Orcutt,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	Charles S. Osgood,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Brownell Granger,	Albert Palmer,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Charles Hale,	Henry W. Phelps,
William G. Bassett,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Francis E. Porter,
B. T. Batcheller,	Abraham W. Harris,	J. A. Rich,
John H. Bell,	Francis B. Hayes,	Philip H. Robinson,
John Bigelow,	Benj. Heath,	Joseph W. Rogers,
Samuel P. Billings,	David P. Howes,	William R. Roundy,
S. W. Brayton,	George W. Jones,	L. H. Sawin,
Richard Britton,	Edward J. Jones,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
James N. Buffum,	Thomas M. Judd,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Lucius W. Knight,	Henry Shortle,
Damon E. Cheney,	Edward Learned,	George D. Smalley,
Alfred A. Clatur,	Joseph C. Little,	Thomas N. Stone,
L. J. Cole,	Lewis Lombard,	John H. Studley,
John Cushing,	George B. Loring,	James G. Tarr,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Horatio A. Lucas,	Warren Tyler,
Edward Eaton,	Julius M. Lyon,	Henry S. Washburn,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	James L. Merritt,	Tisdale S. White,
John B. Fairbanks,	Albert Montague,	Robert R. Wiley,
John H. Fisher,	W. Stanley Newhall,	George C. Wright.
Charles Fitz,	Amasa Norcross,	—63.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. Joseph E. Bailey,	Benj. F. Hayes,	John J. McNutt,
Sanford W. Billings,	Benj. Howard,	John B. Moore,
Robert R. Bishop,	Andrew Howes,	Edward O. Noyes,
William E. Blunt,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,	Francis A. Nye,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Rich'n Hutchinson,	Willard P. Phillips,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Edward J. Johnson,	John W. Rice,
Reuben Boynton,	Moses Kimball,	Joshua C. Robinson,
Charles R. Codman,	William S. Knox,	John Shaw,
George G. Crocker,	Jonathan A. Lane,	William L. Slade,
John Cummings,	Henry D. Lay,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
Ben. C. Currier,	Daniel J. Lewis,	Joshua B. Smith,
Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Willard Lewis,	Abraham H. Smith,
Eustace C. Fitz,	Frederic W. Lincoln,	Richard H. Stearns,
John W. Fletcher,	W. C. Lovering,	Isaac Stebbins,
Charles H. French,	Lyman Mason,	Leonard Washburn,
William Frost,	Albert Mason,	Simon H. White,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	David Mayhew,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Elbridge H. Goss,	Edward McCleave,	H. V. Woods.—54.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Horace C. Bacon,	Richard D. Blinn,
John Q. Adams,	Emory Banister,	John C. Blood,
Andrew Athy,	Patrick Barry,	Dennis Bonner,

Messrs. S. Butterworth,	Samuel M. Haynes,	James O. Parker,
Patrick Collins,	James E. Hill,	Ezra Parmenter,
Austin H. Connell,	N. E. Hollis,	Richard Pope,
Henry J. Couch,	Francis M. Hughes,	Edward B. Rankin,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	Edward G. Hull,	Lawrence Reade,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Thomas Ingalls,	E. P. Reed,
Curtis Davis,	Francis W. Jacobs,	William F. Salmon,
Joseph M. Eaton,	Jesse E. Keith,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Aug. B. Endicott,	Eben Kimball,	George A. Shaw,
Jas. E. Estabrook,	George P. Kingsley,	Albert Smith,
John E. Fitzgerald,	Samuel Loring,	Rufus Smith,
Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	Henry B. Lovering,	Ezra Stearns,
Henry Fuller,	John T. Manny,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Jeremiah Gatchell,	Walter N. Mason,	George W. Taft,
Thomas Gates,	Joseph B. Morss,	Hugh J. Toland,
Ziba Gay,	Andrew M. Morton,	George F. Verry,
Andrew J. Gove,	Reuben Noble,	Michael F. Wells,
Joshua P. Haskell,	Richard Olney,	J. B. Williams.—63.

For ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester :

Messrs. John A. Cummings,	Horace Haskins,	John Savery,
Francis C. Curtis,	John A. Hawes,	Moses Smith,
George S. Gates,	Joseph W. Hill,	Daniel H. Thurston,
John J. Giles,	James D. Hurlbut,	T. W. Wellington,
Nahum B. Hall,	Jonathan Johnson,	Sam'l Winslow.—15.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken,	John F. Haskins,	William E. Perkins,
Alonzo A. Carr,	John B. Hill,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
Albe C. Clark,	Samuel O. Lamb,	Warren Sibley,
Edward Dickinson,	John F. Moors,	William Whiting.
Francis Edson,	Porter Nutting,	—14.

For JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney,	Charles H. Killam,	Cyrus Savage,
T. M. House,	Avery W. Nelson,	Frank. H. Sprague.
Nathan S. Jenkins,		—7.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz,	Jere. W. Coveney,	Henry L. Pratt,
Aaron O. Buxton,	Daniel McCowan,	J. A. G. Richardson.
		—6.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

Messrs. E. P. Carpenter,	Joseph E. Fiske,
Jedediah Dwelley,	John E. Sanford.—4.

For EDWARD LEARNED of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Edward P. Loring,	Moody Merrill,	C. P. Stickney.—3.
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For ROBERT C. PITMAN of New Bedford :

Wm. C. Parker, Jr.—1.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

And there being no choice, the convention adjourned.

MONDAY, April 13, 1874.

The roll being called, the members present voted as follows, to wit:—

TWENTY-SECOND VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	Henry W. Phelps,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Brownell Granger,	Francis E. Porter,
B. T. Batcheller,	Charles Hale,	J. A. Rich,
John H. Bell,	Abraham W. Harris,	Philip H. Robinson,
John Bigelow,	Francis B. Hayes,	Geo. D. Robinson,
S. W. Brayton,	Benj. Heath,	Joseph W. Rogers,
Richard Britton,	A. Higginbottom,	William R. Roundy,
James N. Buffum,	David P. Howes,	L. H. Sawin,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Edward J. Jones,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Charles H. Killam,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Francis E. Clark,	Edward Learned,	Henry Shortle,
Alfred A. Clatur,	Lewis Lombard,	George D. Smalley,
L. J. Cole,	George B. Loring,	Thomas N. Stone,
John Cushing,	Charles A. Loud,	John H. Studley,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Aaron Low,	James G. Tarr,
Edward Eaton,	Horatio A. Lucas,	Warren Tyler,
John B. Fairbanks,	James L. Merritt,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
John H. Fisher,	W. Stanley Newhall,	Henry S. Washburn,
Charles Fitz,	Amasa Norcross,	Robert R. Wiley,
Asahel Gates,	Charles S. Osgood,	Henry W. Wilson,
Addison Gilbert,	Albert Palmer,	Geo. C. Wright.—63.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Benj. Howard,	John J. McNutt,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Andrew Howes,	John B. Moore,
Robert R. Bishop,	Thos. P. Hurlbut,	Edward O. Noyes,
William E. Blunt,	R. Hutchinson,	Francis A. Nye,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Edward J. Johnson,	Joshua C. Robinson,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Erastus Jones,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
Reuben Boynton,	Moses Kimball,	George J. Sanger,
Charles R. Codman,	William S. Knox,	John Savery,
George G. Crocker,	Jonathan A. Lane,	John Shaw,
John Cummings,	Henry D. Lay,	William L. Slade,
Ben. C. Currier,	Daniel J. Lewis,	Joshua B. Smith,
Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Willard Lewis,	Abraham H. Smith,
Eustace C. Fitz,	Frederic W. Lincoln,	Richard H. Stearns,
Charles H. French,	W. C. Lovering,	Isaac Stebbins,
William Frost,	Lyman Mason,	Leonard Washburn,
Horace Haskins,	David Mayhew,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
John A. Hawes,	Edward McCleave,	Moses Williams, Jr.
Benj. F. Hayes,		—52.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Emory Banister,	Dennis Bonner,
John Q. Adams,	Patrick Barry,	S. Butterworth,
Andrew Athy,	Richard D. Blinn,	James H. Carleton,
Horace C. Bacon,	John C. Blood,	Patrick Collins,

Messrs. Austin H. Connell, George Hodges, Ezra Parmenter,
 Henry J. Couch, N. E. Hollis, Richard Pope,
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr., Francis M. Hughes, Edward B. Rankin,
 Timothy J. Dacey, Edward G. Hull, Lawrence Reade,
 Curtis Davis, Thomas Ingalls, E. P. Reed,
 I. W. Derby, Francis W. Jacobs, J. A. G. Richardson,
 Joseph M. Eaton, Jesse E. Keith, William F. Salmon,
 Aug. B. Endicott, George P. Kingsley, Nathaniel Seaver,
 James E. Estabrook, Samuel Loring, George A. Shaw,
 John E. Fitzgerald, Henry B. Lovering, Albert Smith,
 Thos. F. Fitz Gerald, John T. Manny, Rufus Smith,
 Jeremiah Gatchell, Walter N. Mason, Ezra Stearns,
 Thomas Gates, Joseph B. Morss, Daniel J. Sweeney,
 Ziba Gay, Andrew M. Morton, Hugh J. Toland,
 Joshua P. Haskell, Reuben Noble, George F. Verry,
 Samuel M. Haynes, Richard Olney, Michael F. Wells.
 James E. Hill, James O. Parker, —62.

FOR ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester :

Messrs. John A. Cummings, Joseph W. Hill, Daniel H. Thurston,
 Francis C. Curtis, James D. Hurlbut, Artemas S. Tyler,
 George S. Gates, Jonathan Johnson, T. W. Wellington,
 John J. Giles, Moses Smith, Samuel Winslow.
 Elbridge H. Goss, —13.

FOR CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. Albe C. Clark, Samuel O. Lamb, Nathaniel J. Rust,
 Nahum B. Hall, Albert Mason, J. K. C. Sleeper,
 John F. Haskins, Porter Nutting, William Whiting.
 John B. Hill, William E. Perkins, —11.

FOR NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz, Henry C. Davis, Daniel McCowan,
 Aaron O. Buxton, John Davol, Jr., Henry L. Pratt.—7.
 J. W. Coveney,

FOR JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney, Nathan S. Jenkins, Cyrus Savage.—5.
 T. M. House, Avery W. Nelson,

FOR WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

Messrs. Joseph E. Fiske, Jedediah Dwelley, John E. Sanford.—3.

FOR JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

FOR EDWARD LEARNED of Pittsfield :

Moody Merrill.—1

FOR ROBERT C. PITMAN of New Bedford :

Wm. C. Parker, Jr.—1.

And there being no choice, the two branches separated.

TUESDAY, April 14, 1874.

The roll being called the members present voted as follows, to wit :—

TWENTY-THIRD VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Brownell Granger,	Albert Palmer,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Charles Hale,	Henry W. Phelps,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Smith R. Phillips,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Abraham W. Harris,	Francis E. Porter,
William G. Bassett,	Francis B. Hayes,	Charles L. Pratt,
B. T. Batcheller,	Benjamin Heath,	D. Franklin Reed,
John H. Bell,	A. Higginbottom,	J. A. Rich,
John Bigelow,	David P. Howes,	Philip H. Robinson,
Samuel P. Billings,	John B. Hull,	Geo. D. Robinson,
S. W. Brayton,	George W. Jones,	Joseph W. Rogers,
Richard Britton,	Edward J. Jones,	William R. Roundy,
James N. Buffum,	Thomas M. Judd,	L. H. Sawin,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Charles H. Killam,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Damon E. Cheney,	Lucius W. Knight,	E. H. Seymour,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Edward Learned,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Francis E. Clark,	Joseph C. Little,	Henry Shortle,
L. J. Cole,	Lewis Lombard,	George D. Smalley,
John Cushing,	George B. Loring,	Sumner Southworth,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Charles A. Loud,	Thomas N. Stone,
Edward Eaton,	Aaron Low,	John H. Studley,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Horatio A. Lucas,	James G. Tarr,
John B. Fairbanks,	Julius M. Lyon,	Daniel H. Thurston,
John H. Fisher,	Horace H. Mayhew,	Warren Tyler,
Charles Fitz,	James L. Merritt,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
George S. Gates,	Albert Montague,	Henry S. Washburn,
Asahel Gates,	W. Stanley Newhall,	Tisdale S. White,
Addison Gilbert,	Amasa Norcross,	Robert R. Wiley,
Samuel S. Gleason,	Lysander J. Orcutt,	Henry W. Wilson,
Levi L. Goodspeed,	Charles S. Osgood,	Geo. C. Wright.—87.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	C. C. Field,	Moses Kimball,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Eustace C. Fitz,	William S. Knox,
Sanford W. Billings,	John W. Fletcher,	Henry D. Lay,
Robert R. Bishop,	Charles H. French,	Daniel J. Lewis,
Stephen F. Blaney,	William Frost,	Willard Lewis,
William E. Blunt,	John J. Giles,	Frederic W. Lincoln,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Samuel S. Ginnodo,	W. C. Lovering,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Gayton M. Hall,	Lyman Mason,
Reuben Boynton,	Horace Haskins,	Albert Mason,
William B. Brown,	John A. Hawes,	David Mayhew,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Benj. F. Hayes,	Edward McCleave,
Albe C. Clark,	Benj. Howard,	John J. McNutt,
Charles R. Codman,	Andrew Howes,	John B. Moore,
George G. Crocker,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,	Avery W. Nelson,
John Cummings,	R. Hutchinson,	Edward O. Noyes,
Ben. C. Currier,	Edward J. Johnson,	Francis A. Nye,
Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Erastus Jones,	William E. Perkins.

Messrs. Willard P. Phillips, John Shaw, Leonard Washburn,
 John W. Rice, William L. Slade, T. W. Wellington,
 Joshua C. Robinson, J. K. C. Sleeper, Cyrus M. Wheaton,
 Chas Robinson, Jr., Joshua B. Smith, Simon H. White,
 George J. Sanger, Abraham H. Smith, Moses Williams, Jr.,
 Cyrus Savage, Frank. H. Sprague, Henry V. Woods,
 John Savery, Richard H. Stearns, —71.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams, Thos. F. Fitz Gerald, Reuben Noble,
 John Q. Adams, Henry Fuller, Richard Olney,
 Andrew Athy, Jeremiah Gatchell, James O. Parker,
 Horace C. Bacon, Thomas Gates, Ezra Parmenter,
 Emory Banister, Ziba Gay, Richard Pope,
 Patrick Barry, Andrew J. Gove, Edward B. Rankin,
 Richard D. Blinn, F. E. Gray, Lawrence Reade,
 John C. Blood, Joshua P. Haskell, E. P. Reed,
 Enos W. Boise, Samuel M. Haynes, J. A. G. Richardson,
 Dennis Bonner, James E. Hill, William F. Salmon,
 S. Butterworth, George Hodges, Nathaniel Seaver,
 James H. Carleton, N. E. Hollis, George A. Shaw,
 Patrick Collins, Francis M. Hughes, Charles L. Shaw,
 Austin H. Connell, Edward G. Hull, Albert Smith,
 Henry J. Couch, Thomas Ingalls, Rufus Smith,
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr., Francis W. Jacobs, Ezra Stearns,
 Timothy J. Dacey, Elbridge G. Kelley, Daniel J. Sweeney,
 Curtis Davis, George P. Kingsley, George W. Taft,
 I. W. Derby, Samuel Loring, Hugh J. Toland,
 Jarvis N. Dunham, Henry B. Lovering, George F. Verry,
 Joseph M. Eaton, John T. Manny, Michael F. Wells,
 Aug. B. Endicott, Joseph B. Morss, James B. Williams,
 James E. Estabrook, Andrew M. Morton, Henry W. Wright,
 John E. Fitzgerald, —70.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. Jedediah Dwelley, N. L. Johnson, Porter Nutting,
 Francis Edson, Samuel O. Lamb, Almon M. Orcutt,
 Nahum B. Hall, Edward P. Loring, Warren Sibley,
 John F. Haskins, John F. Moors, William Whiting.
 John B. Hill, —18.

For ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester :

Messrs. John A. Cummings, Joseph W. Hill, Artemas S. Tyler,
 Francis C. Curtis, Jonathan Johnson, Samuel Winslow,
 Elbridge H. Goss, Moses Smith, Jas. D. Hurlbut.—9.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz, J. W. Coveney, Daniel McCowan,
 Aaron O. Buxton, Henry C. Davis, Henry L. Pratt.—6.

For JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Messrs. T. M. House and Nathan S. Jenkins.—2.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

Messrs. Joseph E. Fiske, John E. Sanford, E. P. Carpenter.—3.

For HENRY L. PIERCE of Boston :

Messrs. Alfred A. Clatur and Nathaniel J. Rust.—2.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

For EDWARD LEARNED of Pittsfield :

Moody Merrill.—1.

For ROBERT C. PITMAN of New Bedford :

William C. Parker, Jr.—1.

And there was no choice.

Thereupon, the convention proceeded to another vote;
and the votes were cast for the following persons :—

TWENTY-FOURTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	Amasa Norcross,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Brownell Granger,	Lysander J. Orcutt,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Charles Hale,	Albert Palmer,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Henry W. Phelps,
William G. Bassett,	Abraham W. Harris,	Francis E. Porter,
B. T. Batcheller,	Francis B. Hayes,	Charles L. Pratt,
John H. Bell,	Benj. Heath,	J. A. Rich,
John Bigelow,	A. Higginbottom,	Philip H. Robinson,
Samuel P. Billings,	David P. Howes,	Geo. D. Robinson,
S. W. Brayton,	John B. Hull,	Joseph W. Rogers,
Richard Britton,	Jonathan Johnson,	William R. Roundy,
James N. Buffum,	George W. Jones,	L. H. Sawin,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Edward J. Jones,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Damon E. Cheney,	Thomas M. Judd,	E. H. Seymour,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Charles H. Killam,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Francis E. Clark,	Lucius W. Knight,	Henry Shortle,
L. J. Cole,	Edward Learned,	George D. Smalley,
John Cushing,	Joseph C. Little,	Sumner Southworth,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Lewis Lombard,	Thomas N. Stone,
Edward Eaton,	George B. Loring,	John H. Studley,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Charles A. Loud,	James G. Tarr,
John B. Fairbanks,	Aaron Low,	Daniel H. Thurston,
John H. Fisher,	Horatio A. Lucas,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Charles Fitz,	Julius M. Lyon,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
George S. Gates,	Horace H. Mayhew,	Henry S. Washburn,
Asahel Gates,	James L. Merritt,	Tisdale S. White,
Addison Gilbert,	W. Stanley Newhall,	George C. Wright,
Samuel S. Gleason,		

—82.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	John Cummings,	John A. Hawes,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Benj. F. Hayes,
Sanford W. Billings,	C. C. Field,	John B. Hill,
William E. Blunt,	Eustace C. Fitz,	Benjamin Howard,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	John W. Fletcher,	Andrew Howes,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	William Frost,	Thos. P. Hurlbut,
Reuben Boynton,	John J. Giles,	R. Hutchinson,
William B. Brown,	Samuel S. Ginnodo,	Erastus Jones,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Gayton M. Hall,	William S. Knox,
Charles R. Codman,	Horace Haskins,	Daniel J. Lewis,

Messrs. Fred'k W. Lincoln,	John W. Rice,	Abraham H. Smith,
Lyman Mason,	George J. Sanger,	Frank. H. Sprague,
Edward McCleave,	John Savery,	Leonard Washburn,
John J. McNutt,	John Shaw,	T. W. Wellington,
John B. Moore,	William L. Slade,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Avery W. Nelson,	J. K. C. Sleeper,	Simon H. White,
Edward O. Noyes,	Joshua B. Smith,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Francis A. Nye,	Moses Smith,	Henry V. Woods.
Willard P. Phillips,		—55.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	T. F. Fitz Gerald,	Reuben Noble,
John Q. Adams,	Henry Fuller,	Richard Olney,
Andrew Athy,	Jeremiah Gatchell,	James O. Parker,
Horace C. Bacon,	Thomas Gates,	Ezra Parmenter,
Emory Banister,	Ziba Gay,	Richard Pope,
Patrick Barry,	Andrew J. Gove,	Edward B. Rankin,
Richard D. Blinn,	F. E. Gray,	Lawrence Reade,
John C. Blood,	Joshua P. Haskell,	E. P. Reed,
Enos W. Boise,	Samuel M. Haynes,	William F. Salmon,
Dennis Bonner,	James E. Hill,	Nathaniel Seaver,
S. Butterworth,	George Hodges,	George A. Shaw,
James H. Carleton,	N. E. Hollis,	Charles L. Shaw,
Patrick Collins,	Francis M. Hughes,	Albert Smith,
Austin H. Connell,	Edward G. Hull,	Rufus Smith,
Henry J. Couch,	Thomas Ingalls,	Ezra Stearns,
L. L. Cushing, Jr.,	Francis W. Jacobs,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Elbridge G. Kelley,	George W. Taft,
Curtis Davis,	George P. Kingsley,	Hugh J. Toland,
I. W. Derby,	Samuel Loring,	George F. Verry,
Jarvis N. Dunham,	Henry B. Lovering,	Michael F. Wells,
Joseph M. Eaton,	John T. Manny,	James B. Williams,
Aug. B. Endicott,	Joseph B. Morss,	Henry W. Wilson,
Jas. E. Estabrook,	Andrew M. Morton,	Henry W. Wright.
John E. Fitzgerald,		—70.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. Robert R. Bishop,	N. L. Johnson,	Almon M. Orcutt,
Albe C. Clark,	Samuel O. Lamb,	William E. Perkins,
George G. Crocker,	Edward P. Loring,	Warren Sibley,
Francis Edson,	Albert Mason,	Richard H. Stearns,
Nahum B. Hall,	John F. Moors,	William Whiting.
John F. Haskins,	Porter Nutting,	—17.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz,	Henry C. Davis,	Henry L. Pratt,
Aaron O. Buxton,	Joseph W. Hill,	J. A. G. Richardson.
J. W. Coveney,	Daniel McCowan,	Robert R. Wiley.—9.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

Messrs. E. P. Carpenter,	David Mayhew,	Joshua C. Robinson,
Joseph E. Fiske,	D. Franklin Reed,	John E. Sanford.
Willard Lewis,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,	—8.

For ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester :

Messrs. John A. Cummings,	Elbridge H. Goss,	Samuel Winslow.
Francis C. Curtis,	James D. Hurlbut,	—5.

For JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :
Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney, Nathan S. Jenkins,
T. M. House, Cyrus Savage.—4.

For EDWARD LEARNED of Pittsfield :
Messrs. Ben. C. Currier, W. C. Lovering,
Charles H. French, Moody Merrill.—4.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :
Messrs. Nathaniel P. Banks and Henry D. Lay.—2.

For HENRY L. PIERCE of Boston :
Messrs. Alfred A. Clatur and Nathaniel J. Rust.—2.

For ROBERT C. PITMAN of New Bedford :
William C. Parker, Jr.—1.

For ENSIGN H. KELLOGG of Pittsfield :
Moses Kimball.—1.

For CHARLES HALE of Boston :
Charles S. Osgood.—1.

For JULIUS H. SEELYE of Amherst :
Albert H. Montague.—1.

For GEORGE D. ROBINSON of Chicopee :
Edward J. Johnson.—1.

And there was no choice.

The convention proceeded to another vote, and the members present voted as follows :—

TWENTY-FIFTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	George S. Gates,	Julius M. Lyon,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Asahel Gates,	Horace H. Mayhew,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	James L. Merritt,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Brownell Granger,	Albert Montague,
William G. Bassett,	Charles Hale,	W. Stanley Newhall,
B. T. Batcheller,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Amasa Norcross,
John H. Bell,	Abraham W. Harris,	Lysander J. Orcutt,
John Bigelow,	Benjamin Heath,	Albert Palmer,
Samuel P. Billings,	A. Higginbottom,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,
S. W. Brayton,	David P. Howes,	Henry W. Phelps,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	John B. Hull,	Smith R. Phillips,
Damon E. Cheney,	Jonathan Johnson,	Francis E. Porter,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	George W. Jones,	Charles L. Pratt,
Francis E. Clark,	Edward J. Jones,	J. A. Rich,
L. J. Cole,	Thomas M. Judd,	Philip H. Robinson,
Francis C. Curtis,	Charles H. Killam,	Geo. D. Robinson,
John Cushing,	Lucius W. Knight,	William R. Roundy,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Edward Learned,	L. H. Sawin,
Edward Eaton,	Joseph C. Little,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Lewis Lombard,	E. H. Seymour,
John B. Fairbanks,	George B. Loring,	Henry P. Shattuck,
John H. Fisher,	Charles A. Loud,	Henry Shortle,
Charles Fitz,	Aaron Low,	S. Southworth,

Messrs. Thomas N. Stone, Daniel H. Thurston, Warren Tyler,
 John H. Studley, Artemas S. Tyler, Zenas C. Wardwell.
 James G. Tarr, —76.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. S. W. Billings, Benj. F. Hayes, Willard P. Phillips,
 William E. Blunt, Benjamin Howard, George J. Sanger,
 Fred'k L. Bosworth, Andrew Howes, J. K. C. Sleeper,
 Sam'l H. Boutwell, Thos. P. Hurlbut, Joshua B. Smith,
 Reuben Boynton, R. Hutchinson, Abraham H. Smith,
 Alonzo A. Carr, Erastus Jones, Frank H. Sprague,
 John Cummings, William S. Knox, Richard H. Stearns,
 Geo. O. Fairbanks, Daniel J. Lewis, Leonard Washburn,
 C. C. Field, Lyman Mason, T. W. Wellington,
 William Frost, John J. McNutt, Simon H. White,
 Samuel S. Ginnodo, John B. Moore, Moses Williams, Jr.,
 Horace Haskins, Edward O. Noyes, Henry V. Woods.
 John A. Hawes, Francis A. Nye, —38.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams, Thos. F. Fitz Gerald, Richard Olney,
 John Q. Adams, Henry Fuller, James O. Parker,
 Andrew Athy, Jeremiah Gatchell, Ezra Parmenter,
 Horace C. Bacon, Thomas Gates, Richard Pope,
 Emory Banister, Ziba Gay, Edward B. Rankin,
 Patrick Barry, Andrew J. Gove, Lawrence Reade,
 Richard D. Blinn, F. E. Gray, E. P. Reed,
 John C. Blood, Joshua P. Haskell, D. Franklin Reed,
 Enos W. Boise, Samuel M. Haynes, J. A. G. Richardson,
 Dennis Bonner, James E. Hill, Nathaniel J. Rust,
 S. Butterworth, George Hodges, William F. Salmon,
 James H. Carleton, N. E. Hollis, Nathaniel Seaver,
 Patrick Collins, Francis M. Hughes, George A. Shaw,
 Austin H. Connell, Edward G. Hull, Charles L. Shaw,
 Henry J. Couch, Thomas Ingalls, Albert Smith,
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr., Francis W. Jacobs, Rufus Smith,
 Timothy J. Dacey, Elbridge G. Kelley, Ezra Stearns,
 Curtis Davis, George P. Kingsley, Daniel J. Sweeney,
 I. W. Derby, Samuel Loring, George W. Taft,
 Jarvis N. Dunham, Henry B. Lovering, Hugh J. Toland,
 Joseph M. Eaton, Joseph B. Morss, George F. Verry,
 Aug. B. Endicott, Andrew M. Morton, James B. Williams,
 Jas. E. Estabrook, Reuben Noble, Henry W. Wright.
 John E. Fitzgerald, —70.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. Joseph E. Bailey, Nahum B. Hall, Albert Mason,
 Robert R. Bishop, John F. Haskins, John F. Moors,
 Albe C. Clark, John B. Hill, Porter Nutting,
 Charles R. Codman, James D. Hurlbut, Almon M. Orcutt,
 George G. Crocker, N. L. Johnson, William E. Perkins,
 Francis Edson, Samuel O. Lamb, John W. Rice,
 Addison Gilbert, Edward P. Loring, Warren Sibley,
 John J. Giles, John T. Manny, Wm. Whiting.—24.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

Messrs. Richard Britton,	Horatio A. Lucas,	John E. Sanford,
E. P. Carpenter,	David Mayhew,	John Shaw,
Joseph E. Fiske,	Edward McCleave,	William L. Slade,
Eustace C. Fitz,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,	Moses Smith.
Willard Lewis,		

—13.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz,	Joseph W. Hill,	John Savery,
Aaron O. Buxton,	Daniel McCowan,	Tisdale S. White,
J. W. Coveney,	Henry L. Pratt,	Robert R. Wiley.
Henry C. Davis,		

—10.

For JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney,	Avery W. Nelson,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
T. M. House,	Joshua C. Robinson,	William Abbott.
Nathan S. Jenkins,	Cyrus Savage,	

—8.

For EDWARD LEARNED of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Ben. C. Currier,	W. C. Lovering,	Henry S. Washburn,
Jedediah Dwelley,	Moody Merrill,	Henry W. Wilson.
Charles H. French,	Chas. P. Stickney,	

—8.

For ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester :

Messrs. John A. Cummings,	Gayton M. Hall,
Elbridge H. Goss,	Sam'l Winslow.—4.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Messrs. Nathaniel P. Banks and Henry D. Lay.—2.

For CHARLES HALE of Boston :

Messrs. Samuel S. Gleason and Charles S. Osgood.—2.

For HENRY L. PIERCE of Boston :

Alfred A. Clatur.—1.

For GEORGE D. ROBINSON of Chicopee :

Edward J. Johnson.—1.

For ALBERT MASON of Plymouth :

Moses Kimball.—1.

For J. K. BAKER of Dennis :

George D. Smalley.—1.

For WILLIAM GRAY of Boston :

Frederic W. Lincoln.—1.

For GEORGE B. LORING of Salem :

George C. Wright.—1.

And there was no choice.

The convention again proceeded to another vote, and the members present voted as follows :—

TWENTY-SIXTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Charles Hale,	Lysander J. Orcutt,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Albert Palmer,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Abraham W. Harris,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Benjamin Heath,	Henry W. Phelps,
William G. Bassett,	A. Higginbottom,	Smith R. Phillips,
John H. Bell,	David P. Howes,	Francis E. Porter,
John Bigelow,	John B. Hull,	Charles L. Pratt,
Samuel P. Billings,	Jonathan Johnson,	E. P. Reed,
S. W. Brayton,	George W. Jones,	J. A. Rich,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Edward J. Jones,	Philip H. Robinson,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Thomas M. Judd,	Geo. D. Robinson,
Francis E. Clark,	Charles H. Killam,	William R. Roundy,
L. J. Cole,	Edward Learned,	L. H. Sawin,
John Cushing,	Joseph C. Little,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Lewis Lombard,	E. H. Seymour,
Edward Eaton,	George B. Loring,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Charles A. Loud,	Henry Shortle,
John B. Fairbanks,	Aaron Low,	S. Southworth,
John H. Fisher,	Julius M. Lyon,	Thomas N. Stone,
Charles Fitz,	Horace H. Mayhew,	John H. Studley,
George S. Gates,	James L. Merritt,	James G. Tarr,
Asahel Gates,	Albert Montague,	Warren Tyler,
Samuel S. Gleason,	W. Stanley Newhall,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
Levi L. Goodspeed,	Amasa Norcross,	George C. Wright.
Brownell Granger,		—73.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. Joseph E. Bailey,	Benjamin F. Hayes,	Francis A. Nye,
Sanford W. Billings,	Benjamin Howard,	Willard P. Phillips,
William E. Blunt,	Andrew Howes,	Joshua C. Robinson,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,	Joshua B. Smith,
John Cummings,	Erastus Jones,	Abraham H. Smith,
Geo. O. Fairbanks,	William S. Knox,	Frank. H. Sprague,
C. C. Field,	Daniel J. Lewis,	Richard H. Stearns,
Eustace C. Fitz,	Lyman Mason,	Leonard Washburn,
John W. Fletcher,	John J. McNutt,	T. W. Wellington,
William Frost,	John B. Moore,	Simon H. White,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	Avery W. Nelson,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
John A. Hawes,	Edward O. Noyes,	H. V. Woods.—36.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Austin H. Connell,	Henry Fuller,
John Q. Adams,	Henry J. Couch,	Jeremiah Gatchell,
Andrew Athy,	Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	Thomas Gates,
Horace C. Bacon,	Timothy J. Dacey,	Andrew J. Gove,
Emory Banister,	Curtis Davis,	F. E. Gray,
Richard D. Blinn,	I. W. Derby,	Joshua P. Haskell,
John C. Blood,	Jarvis N. Dunham,	Samuel M. Haynes,
Enos W. Boise,	Joseph M. Eaton,	James E. Hill,
Dennis Bonner,	Aug. B. Endicott,	George Hodges,
S. Butterworth,	James E. Estabrook,	N. E. Hollis,
James H. Carleton,	John E. Fitzgerald,	Francis M. Hughes,
Patrick Collins,	Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	Edward G. Hull,

Messrs. Thomas Ingalls,	Richard Olney,	Rufus Smith,
Francis W. Jacobs,	James O. Parker,	Ezra Stearns,
Elbridge G. Kelley,	Ezra Parmenter,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Geo. P. Kingsley,	Richard Pope,	George W. Taft,
Samuel Loring,	Edward B. Rankin,	Hugh J. Toland,
Henry B. Lovering,	Lawrence Reade,	Artemas S. Tyler,
John T. Manny,	Nathaniel Seaver,	George F. Verry,
Walter N. Mason,	George A. Shaw,	Michael F. Wells,
Joseph B. Morss,	Charles L. Shaw,	James B. Williams,
Andrew M. Morton,	Albert Smith,	Henry W. Wright.
Reuben Noble,		—67.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. Robert R. Bishop,	Nahum B. Hall,	John F. Moors,
Reuben Boynton,	John F. Haskins,	Porter Nutting,
Alonzo A. Carr,	John B. Hill,	Almon M. Orcutt,
Albe C. Clark,	James D. Hurlbut,	William E. Perkins,
Charles R. Codman,	N. L. Johnson,	John W. Rice,
George G. Crocker,	Samuel O. Lamb,	Warren Sibley,
Francis Edson,	Edward P. Loring,	William Whiting.
John J. Giles,	Albert Mason,	—23.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz,	Joseph W. Hill,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
Aaron O. Buxton,	Daniel McCowan,	Daniel H. Thurston,
J. W. Coveney,	Henry L. Pratt,	Tisdale S. White,
Henry C. Davis,	John Savery,	Robt. R. Wiley.—12.

For EDWARD LEARNED of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Patrick Barry,	Charles H. French,	Moody Merrill,
B. T. Batcheller,	Ziba Gay,	Charles P. Stickney,
Richard Britton,	Horace Haskins,	Henry S. Washburn,
Ben. C. Currier,	W. C. Lovering,	Henry W. Wilson.
Jedediah Dwelley,		—13.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

Messrs. E. P. Carpenter,	Moses Kimball,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
Damon E. Cheney,	Willard Lewis,	John E. Sanford,
Francis C. Curtis,	Horatio A. Lucas,	William L. Slade,
Joseph E. Fiske,	Edward McCleave,	Moses Smith.
R. Hutchinson,		—13

For JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney,	T. M. House,	Cyrus Savage,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Nathan S. Jenkins,	Cyrus M. Wheaton.
John A. Cummings,		—7.

For ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester :

Messrs. Elbridge H. Goss,	John Shaw,
Gayton M. Hall,	Sam'l Winslow.—4.

For MOSES KIMBALL of Boston :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Lucius W. Knight,	Nathaniel J. Rust.—3.
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For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Messrs. Nathaniel P. Banks and Henry D. Lay.—2.

For WILLIAM GRAY of Boston :

Messrs. Frederic W. Lincoln and George J. Sanger.—2.

For LYMAN MASON of Boston :

Messrs. David Mayhew and D. Franklin Reed. 2.

For HENRY L. PIERCE of Boston :

Alfred A. Clatur.—1.

For J. K. BAKER of Dennis :

George D. Smalley.—1.

For CHARLES HALE of Boston :

Charles S. Osgood.—1.

For GEORGE D. ROBINSON of Chicopee :

Edward J. Johnson.—1.

For GEORGE W. GILL of Worcester :

William F. Salmon.—1.

For JOHN QUINCY ADAMS of Quincy :

J. A. G. Richardson.—1.

And there was no choice.

And the members proceeded to vote again, as follows :—

TWENTY-SEVENTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Francis B. Hayes,	Smith R. Phillips,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Benj. Heath,	Francis E. Porter,
Prentiss C. Baird,	A. Higginbottom,	Charles L. Pratt,
Henry L. Bancroft,	David P. Howes,	D. Franklin Reed,
William G. Bassett,	John B. Hull,	J. A. Rich,
John H. Bell,	Jonathan Johnson,	Philip H. Robinson,
John Bigelow,	George W. Jones,	Geo. D. Robinson,
Sam'l P. Billings,	Edward J. Jones,	William R. Roundy,
S. W. Brayton,	Thomas M. Judd,	L. H. Sawin,
Richard Britton,	Charles H. Killam,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Lucius W. Knight,	E. H. Seymour,
Francis E. Clark,	Edward Learned,	Henry P. Shattuck,
L. J. Cole,	George B. Loring,	George D. Smalley,
John Cushing,	Charles A. Loud,	S. Southworth,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Aaron Low,	Thomas N. Stone,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Julius M. Lyon,	John H. Studley,
John H. Fisher,	Horace H. Mayhew,	James G. Tarr,
Charles Fitz,	James L. Merritt,	Daniel H. Thurston,
George S. Gates,	Albert Montague,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Asahel Gates,	W. Stanley Newhall,	Warren Tyler,
Samuel S. Gleason,	Amasa Norcross,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
Brownell Granger,	Lysander J. Orcutt,	Henry S. Washburn,
Charles Hale,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,	George C. Wright.
Abraham W. Harris,	Henry W. Phelps,	—71.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. Joseph E. Bailey,	Andrew Howes,	Willard P. Phillips,
Sanford W. Billings,	Edward J. Johnson,	John Shaw,
William E. Blunt,	Erastus Jones,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
William B. Brown,	Moses Kimball,	Joshua B. Smith,
Geo. O. Fairbanks,	William S. Knox,	Frank. H. Sprague,
C. C. Field,	Jonathan A. Lane,	Leonard Washburn,
Eustace C. Fitz,	Daniel J. Lewis,	T. W. Wellington,
John W. Fletcher,	W. C. Lovering,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	Lyman Mason,	Simon H. White,
Horace Haskins,	John B. Moore,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
John A. Hawes,	Avery W. Nelson,	Samuel Winslow,
Benjamin F. Hayes,	Edward O. Noyes,	Henry V. Woods.
Benjamin Howard,	Francis A. Nye,	—58.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	T. F. Fitz Gerald,	Reuben Noble,
John Q. Adams,	Jeremiah Gatchell,	Richard Olney,
Andrew Athy,	Thomas Gates,	James O. Parker,
Horace C. Bacon,	Ziba Gay,	Ezra Parmenter,
Emory Banister,	Andrew J. Gove,	Richard Pope,
Patrick Barry,	F. E. Gray,	Edward B. Rankin,
Richard D. Blinn,	Joshua P. Haskell,	Lawrence Reade,
John C. Blood,	Sam'l M. Haynes,	E. P. Reed,
Enos W. Boise,	James E. Hill,	J. A. G. Richardson,
Dennis Bonner,	George Hodges,	William F. Salmon,
S. Butterworth,	N. E. Hollis,	Nathaniel Seaver,
James H. Carleton,	Francis M. Hughes,	George A. Shaw,
Patrick Collins,	Edward G. Hull,	Charles L. Shaw,
Austin H. Connell,	Thomas Ingalls,	Albert Smith,
Henry J. Couch,	Francis W. Jacobs,	Rufus Smith,
L. L. Cushing, Jr.,	Geo. P. Kingsley,	Ezra Stearns,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Samuel Loring,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Curtis Davis,	Henry B. Lovering,	George W. Taft,
Jarvis N. Dunham,	John T. Manny,	Hugh J. Toland,
Joseph M. Eaton,	Walter N. Mason,	George F. Verry,
Aug. B. Endicott,	Joseph B. Morss,	Michael F. Wells,
Jas. E. Estabrook,	Andrew M. Morton,	J. B. Williams.—66.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. Robert R. Bishop,	James D. Hurlbut,	Albert Palmer,
Reuben Boynton,	N. L. Johnson,	William E. Perkins,
Charles R. Codman,	Samuel O. Lamb,	John W. Rice,
John Cummings,	Edward P. Loring,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
Francis Edson,	Albert Mason,	Warren Sibley,
Henry Fuller,	John F. Moors,	Frank. H. Sprague,
Addison Gilbert,	Porter Nutting,	Henry W. Wilson,
John F. Haskins,	Almon M. Orcutt,	Henry W. Wright,
John B. Hill,		—25.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

Messrs. B. T. Batcheller,	Jedediah Dwelley,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Joseph E. Fiske,	R. Hutchinson,
E. P. Carpenter,	Charles H. French,	Willard Lewis,
Damon E. Cheney,	John J. Giles,	Horatio A. Lucas,
Francis C. Curtis,	Elbridge H. Goss,	David Mayhew,

Messrs. Edward McCleave, John E. Sanford, Moses Smith,
 Moody Merrill, William L. Slade, Chas. P. Stickney.
 Chas. Robinson, Jr., —22.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. William Abbott, I. W. Derby, Henry L. Pratt,
 Geo. Bartholmesz, John E. Fitzgerald, John Savery,
 Aaron O. Buxton, Joseph W. Hill, Tisdale S. White,
 J. W. Coveney, Daniel McCowan, Robert R. Wiley.
 Henry C. Davis, —13.

For JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney, John A. Cummings, Nathan S. Jenkins,
 Fred'k L. Bosworth, T. M. House, Cyrus Savage.—6.

For ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester :

Messrs. Gayton M. Hall and Elbridge G. Kelley.—2.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Messrs. Nathaniel P. Banks and Henry D. Lay.—2.

For JOHN H. CLIFFORD of New Bedford :

Messrs. Edward Eaton and William Frost.—2.

For WILLIAM GRAY of Boston :

Messrs. Frederic W. Lincoln and George J. Sanger.—2.

For HENRY L. PIERCE of Boston :

Alfred A. Clatur.—1.

For ROBERT C. PITMAN of New Bedford :

Solomon E. Hallett.—1.

For GEORGE B. LORING of Salem :

Joseph C. Little.—1.

For CHARLES HALE of Boston :

Charles S. Osgood.—1.

For EDWARD LEARNED of Pittsfield :

Ben. C. Currier.—1.

For JAMES D. COLT of Pittsfield :

Abraham H. Smith.—1.

For WENDELL PHILLIPS of Boston :

James N. Buffum.—1.

For RALPH WALDO EMERSON of Concord :

John B. Fairbanks.—1.

And there being no choice, the convention proceeded to another vote ; and the roll being called, the votes were cast as follows :—

TWENTY-EIGHTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Andrew J. Bailey,	Asahel Gates,	Albert Montague,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Samuel S. Gleason,	W. Stanley Newhall,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Charles Hale,	Amasa Norcross,
William G. Bassett,	Francis B. Hayes,	Lysander J. Orcutt,
B. T. Bacheller,	Benjamin Heath,	Smith R. Phillips,
John H. Bell,	A. Higginbottom,	Francis E. Porter,
John Bigelow,	Joseph W. Hill,	D. Franklin Reed,
Samuel P. Billings,	David P. Howes,	J. A. Rich,
S. W. Brayton,	John B. Hull,	Philip H. Robinson,
Richard Britton,	Jonathan Johnson,	Geo. D. Robinson,
James N. Buffum,	George W. Jones,	William R. Roundy,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Edward J. Jones,	E. H. Seymour,
Francis E. Clark,	Thomas M. Judd,	Henry P. Shattuck,
L. J. Cole,	Charles H. Killam,	George D. Smalley,
John A. Cummings,	Lucius W. Knight,	S. Southworth,
John Cushing,	Edward Learned,	Thomas N. Stone,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Joseph C. Little,	John H. Studley,
Edward Eaton,	George B. Loring,	James G. Tarr,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Charles A. Loud,	Daniel H. Thurston,
John B. Fairbanks,	Aaron Low,	Artemas S. Tyler,
John H. Fisher,	Julius M. Lyon,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
Charles Fitz,	Horace H. Mayhew,	Henry S. Washburn,
George S. Gates,	James L. Merritt,	Robt. R. Wiley.—69.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. Joseph E. Bailey,	John A. Hawes,	Edward O. Noyes,
Sanford W. Billings,	Benjamin F. Hayes,	Francis A. Nye,
William E. Blunt,	Benjamin Howard,	George J. Sanger,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Andrew Howes,	John Shaw,
Ben. C. Currier,	Edward J. Johnson,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
Geo O. Fairbanks,	Erastus Jones,	Joshua B. Smith,
C. C. Field,	William S. Knox,	Frank. H. Sprague,
Eustace C. Fitz,	Daniel J. Lewis,	T. W. Wellington,
John W. Fletcher,	W. C. Lovering,	Simon H. White,
William Frost,	Lyman Mason,	Sam'l Winslow,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	Avery W. Nelson,	Henry V. Woods.
Horace Haskins,		—34.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Addison Gilbert,	Almon M. Orcutt,
Robert R. Bishop,	Nahum B. Hall,	Albert Palmer,
Stephen F. Blaney,	John F. Haskins,	William E. Perkins,
Reuben Boynton,	John B. Hill,	E. P. Reed,
William B. Brown,	James D. Hurlbut,	John W. Rice,
Alonzo A. Carr,	N. L. Johnson,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
Albe C. Clark,	Samuel O. Lamb,	William F. Salmon,
Charles R. Codman,	Edward P. Loring,	Warren Sibley,
George G. Crocker,	Albert Mason,	Wm Whiting,
John Cummings,	John F. Moors,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Jedediah Dwelley,	Joseph B. Moras,	Henry W. Wilson,
Francis Edson,	Porter Nutting,	Henry W. Wright.
Joseph E. Fiske,		—37.

FOR BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams, Jas. E. Estabrook, Reuben Noble,
 John Q. Adams, T. F. Fitz Gerald, Richard Olney,
 Andrew Athy, Henry Fuller, James O. Parker,
 Horace C. Bacon, Jeremiah Gatchell, Ezra Parmenter,
 Emory Banister, Thomas Gates, Richard Pope,
 Patrick Barry, Ziba Gay, Edward B. Rankin,
 Richard D. Blinn, Andrew J. Gove, Lawrence Reade,
 John C. Blood, F. E. Gray, J. A. G. Richardson,
 Enos W. Boise, Joshua P. Haskell, Nathaniel Seaver,
 Dennis Bonner, George Hodges, George A. Shaw,
 S. Butterworth, N. E. Hollis, Charles L. Shaw,
 James H. Carleton, Francis M. Hughes, Albert Smith,
 Patrick Collins, Edward G. Hull, Rufus Smith,
 Austin H. Connell, Thomas Ingalls, Ezra Stearns,
 Henry J. Couch, Francis W. Jacobs, Daniel J. Sweeney,
 L. L. Cushing, Jr., Geo. P. Kingsley, George W. Taft,
 Timothy J. Dacey, Samuel Loring, Hugh J. Toland,
 Curtis Davis, Henry B. Lovering, George F. Verry,
 Jarvis N. Dunham, John T. Manny, Michael F. Wells,
 Joseph M. Eaton, Walter N. Mason, James B. Williams.
 Aug. B. Endicott, Andrew M. Morton, —62.

FOR WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

Messrs. Sam'l H. Boutwell, R. Hutchinson, Edward McCleave,
 E. P. Carpenter, Moses Kimball, Moody Merrill,
 Damon E. Cheney, Jonathan A. Lane, Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
 Francis C. Curtis, Willard Lewis, William L. Slade,
 Charles H. French, Frederic W. Lincoln, Richard H. Stearns,
 Elbridge H. Goss, Horatio A. Lucas, Chas. P. Stickney.
 Thomas P. Hurlbut, David Mayhew, —20.

FOR NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz, Henry C. Davis, Henry L. Pratt,
 Aaron O. Buxton, John E. Fitzgerald, John Savery.—8.
 J. W. Coveney, Daniel McCowan,

FOR ROBERT C. PITMAN of New Bedford :

Messrs. Solomon E. Hallett, Wm. C. Parker, Jr., A. H. Smith.—3.

FOR JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Messrs. Nathan S. Jenkins and Cyrus Savage.—2.

FOR JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Messrs. Nathaniel P. Banks and Henry D. Lay.—2.

FOR ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester :

Gayton M. Hall.—1.

FOR HENRY L. PIERCE of Boston :

Alfred A. Clatur.—1.

FOR CHARLES HALE of Boston :

Charles S. Osgood.—1.

And there being no choice, the two branches separated.

WEDNESDAY, April 15, 1874.

The roll being called, the members present voted as follows, to wit :—

TWENTY-NINTH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Brownell Granger,	Charles S. Osgood,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Charles Hale,	Albert Palmer,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Abraham W. Harris,	Henry W. Phelps,
William G. Bassett,	Francis B. Hayes,	Smith R. Phillips,
B. T. Batcheller,	Benj. Heath,	Francis E. Porter,
John H. Bell,	A. Higginbottom,	Charles L. Pratt,
John Bigelow,	Joseph W. Hill,	J. A. Rich,
Samuel P. Billings,	David P. Howes,	Philip H. Robinson,
S. W. Brayton,	John B. Hull,	Geo. D. Robinson,
Richard Britton,	Jonathan Johnson,	Joseph W. Rogers,
James N. Buffum,	George W. Jones,	William R. Roundy,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Edward J. Jones,	L. H. Sawin,
Damon E. Cheney,	Thomas M. Judd,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Charles H. Killam,	E. H. Seymour,
Francis E. Clark,	Lucius W. Knight,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Alfred A. Clatur,	Edward Learned,	George D. Smalley,
L. J. Cole,	Joseph C. Little,	Moses Smith,
John A. Cummings,	Lewis Lombard,	Sumner Southworth,
Francis C. Curtis,	George B. Loring,	Thomas N. Stone,
John Cushing,	Charles A. Loud,	John H. Studley,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Aaron Low,	James G. Tarr,
Henry C. Davis,	Horatio A. Lucas,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Edward Eaton,	Julius M. Lyon,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Horace H. Mayhew,	Warren Tyler,
John B. Fairbanks,	Moody Merrill,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
John H. Fisher,	James L. Merritt,	Henry S. Washburn,
Charles Fitz,	Albert Montague,	Tisdale S. White,
George S. Gates,	W. Stanley Newhall,	Robert R. Wiley,
Samuel S. Gleason,	Amasa Norcross,	George C. Wright.
Levi L. Goodspeed,	Lysander J. Orcutt,	—92.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	F. E. Gray,
John Q. Adams,	Curtis Davis,	Joshua P. Haskell,
Andrew Athy,	I. W. Derby,	Samuel M. Haynes,
Horace C. Bacon,	Jarvis N. Dunham,	James E. Hill,
Emory Banister,	Joseph M. Eaton,	N. E. Hollis,
Patrick Barry,	Aug B Endicott,	Francis M. Hughes,
Richard D. Blinn,	Jas. E. Estabrook,	Edward G. Hull,
John C. Blood,	John E. Fitzgerald,	Thomas Ingalls,
Enos W. Boise,	T. F. Fitz Gerald,	Francis W. Jacobs,
Dennis Bonner,	Henry Fuller,	Jesse E. Keith,
S. Butterworth,	Jeremiah Gatchell,	George P. Kingsley,
James H. Carleton,	Thomas Gates,	E. H. Lathrop,
Patrick Collins,	Ziba Gay,	Samuel Loring,
Austin H. Connell,	Wm. B. Gibson,	Henry B. Lovering,
Henry J. Couch,	Andrew J. Gove,	John T. Manny,

Messrs. Walter N. Mason,	Edward B. Rankin,	Rufus Smith,
Joseph B. Morss,	Lawrence Reade,	Ezra Stearns,
Andrew M. Morton,	E. P. Reed,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
William H. Murray,	J. A. G. Richardson,	George W. Taft,
Reuben Noble,	William F. Salmon,	Hugh J. Toland,
Richard Olney,	Nathaniel Seaver,	George F. Verry,
James O. Parker,	George A. Shaw,	Michael F. Wells,
Ezra Parmenter,	Charles L. Shaw,	Henry W. Wright.
Richard Pope,	Albert Smith,	—71.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. Sanford W. Billings,	R. Hutchinson,	Joshua C. Robinson,
William E. Blunt,	Edward J. Johnson,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Erastus Jones,	John Savery,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	William S. Knox,	John Shaw,
John Cummings,	Henry D. Lay,	William L. Slade,
Ben. C. Currier,	Daniel J. Lewis,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Willard Lewis,	Joshua B. Smith,
C. C. Field,	Fred. W. Lincoln,	Abraham H. Smith,
Joseph E. Fiske,	Edward P. Loring,	Frank. H. Sprague,
Eustace C. Fitz,	W. C. Lovering,	Richard H. Stearns,
John W. Fletcher,	Albert Mason,	Isaac Stebbins,
Charles H. French,	Lyman Mason,	Chas. P. Stickney,
William Frost,	David Mayhew,	Leonard Washburn,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	Edward McCleave,	T. W. Wellington,
Horace Haskins,	John J. McNutt,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
John A. Hawes,	John B. Moore,	Simon H. White,
Benj F. Hayes,	Avery W. Nelson,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Benj. Howard,	Edward O. Noyes,	Sam'l Winslow,
Andrew Howes,	Francis A. Nye,	Henry V. Woods.
Thomas P. Hurlbut,	Willard P. Phillips,	—59.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken,	Asahel Gates,	Samuel O. Lamb,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Addison Gilbert,	John F. Moors,
Robert R. Bishop,	John J. Giles,	Porter Nutting,
Reuben Boynton,	Gayton M. Hall,	Almon M. Orcutt,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Nahum B. Hall,	William E. Perkins,
Albe C. Clark,	John F. Haskins,	John W. Rice,
Charles R. Codman,	John B. Hill,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
George G. Crocker,	James D. Hurlbut,	Warren Sibley,
Edward Dickinson,	N. L. Johnson,	William Whiting.
Francis Edson,		—28.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz,	John Davol, Jr.,	Daniel McCowan.
Aaron O. Buxton,	Elbridge G. Kelley,	Henry L. Pratt.—7.
J. W. Coveney,		

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

Messrs. E. P. Carpenter,	Jonathan A. Lane,	Elbridge H. Goss.
Jedediah Dwelley,	John E. Sanford,	—5.

For JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney,	N. S. Jenkins,
T. M. House,	Cyrus Savage.—4.

JOINT CONVENTION FOR THE

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

And there was no choice.

THURSDAY, April 16, 1874.

The roll being again called, the members present voted as follows, to wit :—

THIRTIETH VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Samuel S. Gleason,	Lysander J. Orcutt,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	Charles S. Osgood,
Prentiss C. Baird,	Brownell Granger,	Albert Palmer,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Charles Hale,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,
William G. Bassett,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Henry W. Phelps,
B. T. Bacheller,	Abraham W. Harris,	Francis E. Porter,
John H. Bell,	Francis B. Hayes,	Charles L. Pratt,
John Bigelow,	Benj. Heath,	D. Franklin Reed,
Samuel P. Billings,	A. Higginbottom,	J. A. Rich,
S. W. Brayton,	Joseph W. Hill,	Philip H. Robinson,
Richard Britton,	David P. Howes,	Geo. D. Robinson,
James N. Buffum,	John B. Hull,	William B. Roundy,
E. P. Carpenter,	Jonathan Johnson,	L. H. Sawin,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	George W. Jones,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Damon E. Cheney,	Edward J. Jones,	E. H. Seymour,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Thomas M. Judd,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Francis E. Clark,	Charles H. Killam,	Henry Shortle,
Alfred A. Clatur,	Lucius W. Knight,	George D. Smalley,
L. J. Cole,	Edward Learned,	S. Southworth,
John A. Cummings,	Joseph C. Little,	Thomas N. Stone,
Francis C. Curtis,	Lewis Lombard,	John H. Studley,
John Cushing,	George B. Loring,	James G. Tarr,
Thos. S. Cushman,	Charles A. Loud,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Henry C. Davis,	Aaron Low,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Horatio A. Lucas,	Warren Tyler,
John B. Fairbanks,	Julius M. Lyon,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
John H. Fisher,	Horace H. Mayhew,	Henry S. Washburn,
Charles Fitz,	James L. Merritt,	Robert R. Wiley,
George S. Gates,	Albert Montague,	Henry W. Wilson,
Asahel Gates,	W. Stanley Newhall,	George C. Wright.
Addison Gilbert,	Amasa Norcross,	—92.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Ben C. Currier,
David Aiken,	Reuben Boynton,	Edward Dickinson,
Joseph E. Bailey,	William B. Brown,	Jedediah Dwelley,
Sanford W. Billings,	Alonzo A. Carr,	Geo. O. Fairbanks,
Robert B. Bishop,	Albe C. Clark,	C. C. Field,
Stephen F. Blaney,	Charles R. Codman,	Joseph E. Fiske,
William E. Blunt,	George G. Crocker,	Eustace C. Fitz,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	John Cummings,	John W. Fletcher,

Messrs. Charles H. French,	Willard Lewis,	Cyrus Savage,
William Frost,	F. W. Lincoln,	John Savery,
John J. Giles,	Edward P. Loring,	John Shaw,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	W. C. Lovering,	Warren Sibley,
Elbridge H. Goss,	Albert Mason,	William L. Slade,
Gayton M. Hall,	Lyman Mason,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
Nahum B. Hall,	David Mayhew,	Joshua B. Smith,
Horace Haskins,	Edward McCleave,	Moses Smith,
John A. Hawes,	John J. McNutt,	Abraham H. Smith,
John B. Hill,	John B. Moore,	Frank. H. Sprague,
Benj. Howard,	John F. Moors,	Richard H. Stearns,
Andrew Howes,	Avery W. Nelson,	Isaac Stebbins,
James D. Hurlbut,	Edward O. Noyes,	Charles P. Stickney,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,	Francis A. Nye,	Leonard Washburn,
R. Hutchinson,	Almon M. Orcutt,	T. W. Wellington,
Edward J. Johnson,	William E. Perkins,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Erastus Jones,	Willard P. Phillips,	Simon H. White,
Moses Kimball,	John W. Rice,	William Whiting.
William S. Knox,	Joshua C. Robinson,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Jonathan A. Lane,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,	Samuel Winslow,
Henry D. Lay,	George J. Sanger,	Henry V. Woods.
Daniel J. Lewis,		—88.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	T. F. Fitz Gerald,	William H. Murray,
John Q. Adams,	Henry Fuller,	Reuben Noble,
Andrew Athy,	Jeremiah Gatchell,	Richard Olney,
Horace C. Bacon,	Thomas Gates,	James O. Parker,
Emory Banister,	Ziba Gay,	Ezra Parmenter,
Patrick Barry,	Wm. B. Gibson,	Richard Pope,
Richard D. Blinn,	Andrew J. Gove,	Edward B. Rankin,
John C. Blood,	Joshua P. Haskell,	Lawrence Reade,
Enos W. Boise,	Samuel M. Haynes,	E. P. Reed,
Dennis Bonner,	James E. Hill,	J. A. G. Richardson,
S. Butterworth,	George Hodges,	William F. Salmon,
James H. Carleton,	N. E. Hollis,	Geo. A. Shaw,
Patrick Collins,	Francis M. Hughes,	Charles L. Shaw,
Austin H. Connell,	Edward G. Hull,	Albert Smith,
Henry J. Couch,	Thomas Ingalls,	Rufus Smith,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	Francis W. Jacobs,	Ezra Stearns,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Geo. P. Kingsley,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Curtis Davis,	E. H. Lathrop,	George W. Taft,
I. W. Derby,	Samuel Loring,	Hugh J. Toland,
Jarvis N. Dunham,	Henry B. Lovering,	George F. Verry,
Joseph M. Eaton,	John T. Manny,	Michael F. Wells,
Aug. B. Endicott,	Walter N. Mason,	James B. Williams,
Jas. E. Estabrook,	Joseph B. Morss,	Henry W. Wright.
John E. Fitzgerald,	Andrew M. Morton,	—71.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz,	John Davol, Jr.,	Henry L. Pratt.
Aaron O. Buxton,	Elbridge G. Kelley,	Tisdale S. White.
J. W. Coveney,	Daniel McCowan,	—8.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. Francis Edson,	Samuel O. Lamb,
N. L. Johnson,	Porter Nutting.—4.

JOINT CONVENTION FOR THE

For JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton :

Messrs. T. M. House and Nathan S. Jenkins.—2.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

John E. Sanford.—1.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

And there being no choice, the convention adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 17, 1874.

The roll being called, the members present voted as follows :—

THIRTY-FIRST VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Charles Alden,	Samuel S. Gleason,	Amasa Norcross,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	Lysander J. Orcutt,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Brownell Granger,	Charles S. Osgood,
William G. Bassett,	Charles Hale,	Albert Palmer,
B. T. Batcheller,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,
John H. Bell,	Abraham W. Harris,	Francis E. Porter,
John Bigelow,	Francis B. Hayes,	D. Franklin Reed,
Samuel P. Billings,	Benjamin Heath,	J. A. Rich,
S. W. Brayton,	A. Higginbottom,	Philip H. Robinson,
Richard Britton,	Joseph W. Hill,	Geo. D. Robinson,
James N. Buffum,	David P. Howes,	Joseph W. Rogers,
E. P. Carpenter,	John B. Hull,	William R. Roundy,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Jonathan Johnson,	L. H. Sawin,
Damon E. Cheney,	George W. Jones,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Edward J. Jones,	E. H. Seymour,
Francis E. Clark,	Thomas M. Judd,	Henry P. Shattuck,
Alfred A. Clatur,	Charles H. Killam,	Henry Shortle,
L. J. Cole,	Lucius W. Knight,	George D. Smalley,
John A. Cummings,	Edward Learned,	Thomas N. Stone,
Francis C. Curtis,	Joseph C. Little,	John H. Studley,
John Cushing,	Lewis Lombard,	James G. Tarr,
Thos. S. Cushman,	George B. Loring,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Henry C. Davis,	Charles A. Loud,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Edward Eaton,	Aaron Low,	Warren Tyler,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Horatio A. Lucas,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
John B. Fairbanks,	Julius M. Lyon,	Henry S. Washburn,
John H. Fisher,	Horace H. Mayhew,	Tisdale S. White,
Charles Fitz,	Moody Merrill,	Robert R. Wiley,
George S. Gates,	James L. Merritt,	Henry W. Wilson,
Asahel Gates,	Albert Montague,	George C. Wright,
Addison Gilbert,	W. Stanley Newhall,	—92.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Joseph E. Bailey,	Robert R. Bishop,
David Aiken,	Sanford W. Billings,	Stephen F. Blaney,

Messrs. William E. Blunt,	John B. Hill,	William E. Perkins,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	T. H. House,	Willard P. Phillips,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	Benjamin Howard,	John W. Rice,
Reuben Boynton,	Andrew Howes,	Joshua C. Robinson,
William B. Brown,	James D. Hurlbut,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Thos. P. Hurlbut,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
Albe C. Clark,	R. Hutchinson,	George J. Sanger,
Charles R. Codman,	Nathan S. Jenkins,	Cyrus Savage,
George G. Crocker,	Edward J. Johnson,	John Savery,
John Cummings,	Erastus Jones,	John Shaw,
Ben. C. Currier,	Moses Kimball,	Warren Sibley,
Edward Dickinson,	William S. Knox,	William L. Slade,
Jedediah Dwelley,	Jonathan A. Lane,	J. K. C. Sleeper,
Geo O. Fairbanks,	Daniel J. Lewis,	Joshua B. Smith,
C. C. Field,	Willard Lewis,	Moses Smith,
Joseph E. Fiske,	Fred. W. Lincoln,	Abraham H. Smith,
Eustace C. Fitz,	Edward P. Loring,	Frank. H. Sprague,
John W. Fletcher,	W. C. Lovering,	Richard H. Stearns,
Charles H. French,	Albert Mason,	Ezra Stearns,
William Frost,	Lyman Mason,	Isaac Stebbins,
John J. Giles,	David Mayhew,	Charles P. Stickney,
Samuel S. Ginnodo,	Edward McCleave,	Leonard Washburn,
Elbridge H. Goss,	John J. McNutt,	T. W. Wellington,
Gayton M. Hall,	John B. Moore,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
Nahum B. Hall,	John F. Moors,	Simon H. White,
Horace Haskins,	Avery W. Nelson,	William Whiting,
John F. Haskins,	Edward O. Noyes,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
John A. Hawes,	Francis A. Nye,	Samuel Winslow,
Benjamin F. Hayes,	Almon M. Orcutt,	H. V. Woods.—93.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Henry Fuller,	Andrew M. Morton,
John Q. Adams,	Jeremiah Gatchell,	William H. Murray,
Andrew Athy,	Thomas Gates,	Reuben Noble,
Horace C. Bacon,	Ziba Gay,	Richard Olney,
Emory Banister,	William B. Gibson,	James O. Parker,
Patrick Barry,	Andrew J. Gove,	Ezra Parmenter,
John C. Blood,	Joshua P. Haskell,	Richard Pope,
Enos W. Boise,	Samuel M. Haynes,	Edward B. Rankin,
Dennis Bonner,	James E. Hill,	Lawrence Reade,
S. Butterworth,	George Hodges,	E. P. Reed,
James H. Carleton,	N. E. Hollis,	J. A. G. Richardson,
Patrick Collins,	Francis M. Hughes,	William F. Salmon,
Austin H. Connell,	Edward G. Hull,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Henry J. Couch,	Thomas Ingalls,	George A. Shaw,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Francis W. Jacobs,	Albert Smith,
Curtis Davis,	Geo. P. Kingsley,	Rufus Smith,
I. W. Derby,	E. H. Lathrop,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Jarvis N. Dunham,	Samuel Loring,	George W. Taft,
Joseph M. Eaton,	Henry B. Lovering,	Hugh J. Toland,
Aug. B. Endicott,	John T. Manny,	George F. Verry,
Jas. E. Estabrook,	Walter N. Mason,	Michael F. Wells,
John E. Fitzgerald,	Joseph B. Morss,	Henry W. Wright.
T. F. Fitz Gerald,		—67.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz,	John Davol, Jr.,	Elbridge G. Kelley,
Aaron O. Buxton,	Daniel McCowan,	Henry L. Pratt.—7.
J. W. Coveney,		

JOINT CONVENTION FOR THE

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. Francis Edson, Samuel O. Lamb,
N. L. Johnson, Porter Nutting.—4.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

John E. Sanford.—1.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

And there was no choice.

The convention proceeded to another vote, and the members present cast their votes, as follows :—

THIRTY-SECOND VOTE.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Andrew J. Bailey,	Samuel S. Gleason,	Amasa Norcross,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	Lysander J. Orcutt,
William G. Bassett,	Charles Hale,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,
B. T. Bacheller,	Francis B. Hayes,	Francis E. Porter,
John H. Bell,	Benjamin Heath,	D. Franklin Reed,
Samuel P. Billings,	A. Higginbottom,	J. A. Rich,
S. W. Brayton,	David P. Howes,	Philip H. Robinson,
Richard Britton,	John B. Hull,	Geo. D. Robinson,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Jonathan Johnson,	Joseph W. Rogers,
Damon E. Cheney,	George W. Jones,	Wm. R. Roundy,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Edward J. Jones,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,
Francis E. Clark,	Thomas M. Judd,	E. H. Seymour,
Alfred A. Clatur,	Charles H. Killam,	Henry P. Shattuck,
L. J. Cole,	Lucius W. Knight,	Geo. D. Smalley,
John A. Cummings,	Edward Learned,	John H. Studley,
John Cushing,	Lewis Lombard,	James G. Tarr,
Thos. S. Cushman,	George B. Loring,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Edward Eaton,	Charles A. Loud,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	Aaron Low,	Warren Tyler,
John H. Fisher,	Horatio A. Lucas,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
Charles Fitz,	Julius M. Lyon,	Henry S. Washburn,
George S. Gates,	Moody Merrill,	Tisdale S. White,
Asahel Gates,	James L. Merritt,	Henry W. Wilson,
Addison Gilbert,	W. Stanley Newhall,	G. C. Wright.—72.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :

Messrs. William Abbott,	John Cummings,	Horace Haskins,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Ben. C. Currier,	John A. Hawes,
Sanford W. Billings,	Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Benjamin F. Hayes,
Robert R. Bishop,	C. C. Field,	T. M. House,
Stephen F. Blaney,	Eustace C. Fitz,	Benjamin Howard,
William E. Blunt,	John W. Fletcher,	Andrew Howes,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Charles H. French,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	William Frost,	R. Hutchinson,
Reuben Boynton,	John J. Giles,	Edward J. Johnson,
William B. Brown,	Samuel S. Ginnodo,	Erastus Jones,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Elbridge H. Goss,	Moses Kimball,
Charles R. Codman,	Gayton M. Hall,	William S. Knox,

Messrs. Daniel J. Lewis, William E. Perkins, Moses Smith,
 Frederic W. Lincoln, Willard P. Phillips, Abraham H. Smith,
 Edward P. Loring, John W. Rice, Frank. H. Sprague,
 W. C. Lovering, Joshua C. Robinson, Richard H. Stearns,
 Lyman Mason, Chas. Robinson, Jr., Isaac Stebbins,
 Albert Mason, Nathaniel J. Rust, Charles P. Stickney,
 David Mayhew, George J. Sanger, Leonard Washburn,
 Edward McCleave, Cyrus Savage, T. W. Wellington,
 John J. McNutt, John Savery, Cyrus M. Wheaton,
 John B. Moore, John Shaw, Simon H. White,
 Avery W. Nelson, William L. Slade, Moses Williams, Jr.,
 Edward O. Noyes, J. K. C. Sleeper, Samuel Winslow,
 Francis A. Nye, Joshua B. Smith, H. V. Woods.—75.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams, Thos. F. Fitz Gerald, Andrew M. Morton,
 John Q. Adams, Henry Fuller, William H. Murray,
 Andrew Athy, Jeremiah Gatchell, Reuben Noble,
 Horace C. Bacon, Thomas Gates, Richard Olney,
 Emory Banister, Ziba Gay, James O. Parker,
 Patrick Barry, Wm. B. Gibson, Ezra Parmenter,
 John C. Blood, Andrew J. Gove, Richard Pope,
 Enos W. Boise, Joshua P. Haskell, Edward B. Rankin,
 Dennis Bonner, Samuel M. Haynes, Lawrence Reade,
 S. Butterworth, James E. Hill, E. P. Reed,
 James H. Carleton, Geo. Hodges, J. A. G. Richardson,
 Patrick Collins, N. E. Hollis, William F. Salmon,
 Austin H. Connell, Francis M. Hughes, Nathaniel Seaver,
 Henry J. Couch, Edward G. Hull, George A. Shaw,
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr., Thomas Ingalls, Albert Smith,
 Timothy J. Dacey, Francis W. Jacobs, Rufus Smith,
 Curtis Davis, Geo. P. Kingsley, Ezra Stearns,
 I. W. Derby, E. H. Lathrop, Daniel J. Sweeney,
 Jarvis N. Dunham, Samuel Loring, George W. Taft,
 Joseph M. Eaton, Henry B. Lovering, Hugh J. Toland,
 Aug. B. Endicott, John T. Manny, George F. Verry,
 James E. Estabrook, Walter N. Mason, Michael F. Wells,
 John E. Fitzgerald, Joseph B. Morss, H. W. Wright.—69.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken, Nahum B. Hall, John F. Moors,
 Charles Alden, John F. Haskins, Porter Nutting,
 Albe C. Clark, John B. Hill, Almon M. Orcutt,
 George G. Crocker, N. L. Johnson, Albert Palmer,
 Edward Dickinson, Samuel O. Lamb, Warren Sibley,
 Jedediah Dwelley, Jonathan A. Lane, William Whiting.
 Francis Edson, —19.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz, John Davol, Jr., Daniel McCowan,
 Aaron O. Buxton, Brownell Granger, Henry L. Pratt,
 J. W. Coveney, Elbridge G. Kelley, Joseph W. Hill,
 Henry C. Davis, Joseph C. Little, Ed. McCleave.—12.

For WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield :

Messrs. John Bigelow, Willard Lewis, John E. Sanford,
 E. P. Carpenter, Horace H. Mayhew, L. H. Sawin,
 Joseph E. Fiske, Albert Montague, Thomas N. Stone.
 Abraham W. Harris, —10.

JOINT CONVENTION FOR THE

For **GEORGE B. LORING** of Salem :
Messrs. John B. Fairbanks, James D. Hurlbut, Henry Shortle.—3.

For **CHARLES HALE** of Boston :
Charles S. Osgood.—1.

For **JOHN G. WHITTIER** of Amesbury :
Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

For **WENDELL PHILLIPS** of Boston :
James N. Buffum.—1.

For **JOHN E. SANFORD** of Taunton :
Nathan S. Jenkins.—1.

For **ROBERT C. PITMAN** of New Bedford :
Solomon E. Hallett.—1.

And there was no choice.

Thereupon, the convention again proceeded to vote, and the members present voted as follows :—

THIRTY-THIRD VOTE.

For **WILLIAM B. WASHBURN** of Greenfield :

Messrs. William Abbott,	Jedediah Dwelley,	N. L. Johnson,
Charles Alden,	Edward Eaton,	Edward J. Johnson,
Joseph E. Bailey,	Geo. O. Fairbanks,	Jonathan Johnson,
Henry L. Bancroft,	C. C. Field,	Erastus Jones,
B. T. Batcheller,	Joseph E. Fiske,	Edward J. Jones,
John H. Bell,	Eustace C. Fitz,	Elbridge G. Kelley,
John Bigelow,	Charles Fitz,	Charles H. Killam,
Sanford W. Billings,	John W. Fletcher,	Moses Kimball,
Robert R. Bishop,	Charles H. French,	William S. Knox,
Stephen F. Blaney,	William Frost,	Samuel O. Lamb,
William E. Blunt,	George S. Gates,	Jonathan A. Lane,
Fred'k L. Bosworth,	Addison Gilbert,	Daniel J. Lewis,
Sam'l H. Boutwell,	John J. Giles,	Willard Lewis,
Reuben Boynton,	Samuel S. Ginnodo,	Frederic W. Lincoln,
Richard Britton,	Levi L. Goodspeed,	Joseph C. Little,
James N. Buffum,	Elbridge H. Goss,	Lewis Lombard,
Aaron O. Buxton,	Gayton M. Hall,	Edward P. Loring,
E. P. Carpenter,	Solomon E. Hallett,	Charles A. Loud,
Alonzo A. Carr,	Abraham W. Harris,	W. C. Lovering,
Cyrus W. Chapman,	Horace Haskins,	Aaron Low,
Damon E. Cheney,	John A. Hawes,	Horatio A. Lucas,
Albe C. Clark,	Francis B. Hayes,	Albert Mason,
Francis E. Clark,	Benj. F. Hayes,	Horace H. Mayhew,
Alfred A. Clatur,	A. Higginbottom,	David Mayhew,
Charles R. Codman,	John B. Hill,	Edward McCleave,
George G. Crocker,	T. M. House,	Daniel McCowan,
John Cummings,	Benj. Howard,	John J. McNutt,
John A. Cummings,	Andrew Howes,	Moody Merrill,
Ben. C. Currier,	James D. Hurlbut,	James L. Merritt,
Francis C. Curtis,	Thomas P. Hurlbut,	Albert Montague,
Thos. S. Cushman,	R. Hutchinson,	John B. Moore,
John Davol, Jr.,	Nathan S. Jenkins,	John F. Moors,

Messrs. Avery W. Nelson,	Joseph W. Rogers,	Richard H. Stearns,
W. Stanley Newhall,	Nathaniel J. Rust,	Ezra Stearns,
Amasa Norcross,	John E. Sanford,	Isaac Stebbins,
Edward O. Noyes,	George J. Sanger,	Charles P. Stickney,
Francis A. Nye,	Cyrus Savage,	Thomas N. Stone,
Almon M. Orcutt,	John Savery,	John H. Studley,
Charles S. Osgood,	L. H. Sawin,	Artemas S. Tyler,
Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,	Zenas C. Wardwell,
William E. Perkins,	E. H. Seymour,	Henry S. Washburn,
Willard P. Phillips,	John Shaw,	Leonard Washburn,
Charles L. Pratt,	Henry Shortle,	T. W. Wellington,
Henry L. Pratt,	William L. Slade,	Cyrus M. Wheaton,
D. Franklin Reed,	J. K. C. Sleeper,	Simon H. White,
John W. Rice,	Geo. D. Smalley,	Tisdale S. White,
J. A. Rich,	Joshua B. Smith,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Joshua C. Robinson,	Moses Smith,	Henry W. Wilson,
Philip H. Robinson,	Abraham H. Smith,	Samuel Winslow,
Geo. D. Robinson,	Frank. H. Sprague,	Henry V. Woods.
Chas. Robinson, Jr.,		—151.

For BENJAMIN R. CURTIS of Boston :

Messrs. William A. Adams,	John E. Fitzgerald,	Andrew M. Morton,
John Q. Adams,	Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	William H. Murray,
Andrew Athy,	Jeremiah Gatchell,	Reuben Noble,
Horace C. Bacon,	Thomas Gates,	Richard Olney,
Emory Banister,	Ziba Gay,	James O. Parker,
Patrick Barry,	William B. Gibson,	Ezra Parmenter,
John C. Blood,	Andrew J. Gove,	Richard Pope,
Enos W. Boise,	Joshua P. Haskell,	Edward B. Rankin,
Dennis Bonner,	Samuel M. Haynes,	Lawrence Reade,
S. Butterworth,	James E. Hill,	E. P. Reed,
James H. Carleton,	George Hodges,	J. A. G. Richardson,
Patrick Collins,	N. E. Hollis,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Austin H. Connell,	Francis M. Hughes,	George A. Shaw,
Henry J. Couch,	Edward G. Hull,	Albert Smith,
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	Thomas Ingalls,	Rufus Smith,
Timothy J. Dacey,	Francis W. Jacobs,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Curtis Davis,	George P. Kingsley,	George W. Taft,
I. W. Derby,	Samuel Loring,	Hugh J. Toland,
Jarvis N. Dunham,	Henry B. Lovering,	George F. Verry,
Joseph M. Eaton,	Walter N. Mason,	Michael F. Wells,
Aug. B. Endicott,	Joseph B. Morss,	Henry W. Wright.
Jas. E. Estabrook,		—64.

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :

Messrs. Andrew J. Bailey,	John H. Fisher,	Lucius W. Knight,
William G. Bassett,	Samuel S. Gleason,	Edward Learned,
Samuel P. Billings,	Brownell Granger,	George B. Loring,
S. W. Brayton,	Charles Hale,	Julius M. Lyon,
Elijah H. Chisholm,	Benj. Heath,	Lysander J. Orcutt,
L. J. Cole,	David P. Howes,	Francis E. Porter,
Henry C. Davis,	John B. Hull,	William R. Roundy,
Lucian F. Eldridge,	George W. Jones,	Henry P. Shattuck.
John B. Fairbanks,	Thomas M. Judd,	—26.

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :

Messrs. David Aiken,	Edward Dickinson,	Henry Fuller,
William B. Brown,	Francis Edson,	Asahel Gates,

JOINT CONVENTION.

Messrs. Nahum B. Hall, John T. Manny, Albert Palmer,
 John F. Haskins, Lyman Mason, Warren Sibley,
 E. H. Lathrop, Porter Nutting, Wm. Whiting.—15.

For NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham :

Messrs. Geo. Bartholmesz, Warren Tyler,
 J. W. Coveney, Robert R. Wiley.—4.

For GEORGE B. LORING of Salem :

Messrs. Joseph W. Hill, Daniel H. Thurston,
 James G. Tarr, G. C. Wright.—4.

For JOHN G. WHITTIER of Amesbury :

Nathaniel P. Banks.—1.

For WENDELL PHILLIPS of Boston :

John Cushing.—1.

For STEPHEN N. GIFFORD of Duxbury :

William F. Salmon.—1.

And it appeared that WILLIAM B. WASHBURN of Greenfield was chosen.

Thereupon the convention dissolved.

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ANNUAL REGISTER

OF THE

Executive and Legislative Departments

OF THE

GOVERNMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,

1874.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	First year in office.
William B. Washburn, Governor,* . . .	Greenfield, .	Jan. 31, 1820,	Winchendon, .	Banker & Manufr., .	1872.
Thomas Talbot, Lieutenant-Governor, . . .	Billerica, .	Sept. 7, 1818,	Cambridge,N.Y.,	Manufacturer, .	†1852.
Alfred Macy, Councillor, Dist. No.1, . . .	Nantucket, .	Sept. 1, 1831,	Nantucket, .	Lawyer, . . .	1871.
Seth Turner, " " 2, . . .	Randolph, .	July 29, 1821,	Randolph, .	Banker, . . .	†1865.
Milo Hildreth, " " 3, . . .	Northborough, .	Aug. 17, 1824,	Townsend, .	Manufacturer, .	†1858.
Rufus S. Frost, " " 4, . . .	Chelsea,. .	July 18, 1826,	Marlboro',N.H.,	Commission merch't,	†1871.
Dan'l H. Stickney, " " 5, . . .	Groveland, .	Apr. 13, 1825,	Groveland, .	Shoe Manufacturer,. .	†1865.
Geo. O. Brastow, " " 6, . . .	Somerville, .	Sept. 8, 1811,	Wrentham, .	Trader, . . .	†1849.
George Whitney, " " 7, . . .	Royalston, .	Sept. 21, 1817,	Royalston, .	Manufacturer, .	†1859.
Elisha H. Brewster, " " 8, . . .	Worthington,. .	Aug. 5, 1809,	Worthington, .	Merchant, . .	†1848.
Benj. C. Dean, Governor's Private Secretary, . . .	Lowell, . .	Mar. 8, 1843,	Lowell, . .	Lawyer, . .	1874.

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Heads of Departments,—

Oliver Warner, Secretary,	. . .	Northampton,	Apr. 18, 1817,	Northampton, .	-	1858.
Charles Adams, Jr., Treasurer,	. . .	N. Brookfield,	Jan. 31, 1810,	Antrim, N. H., .	-	1867.
Charles Endicott, Auditor,	. . .	Canton, . .	Oct. 28, 1822,	Canton, . .	Lawyer, . .	1870.
Charles R. Train, Attorney-General,	. . .	Boston, . .	Oct. 18, 1817,	Framingham, .	Lawyer, . .	1847.
James A. Cunningham, Adjutant-General,	. . .	Gloucester, .	Nov. 27, 1830,	Boston, . .	Farmer, . .	1866.

* Chosen U. S. Senator April 17, 1874.

† House of Representatives.

‡ Senate.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

SENATE.
GEORGE B. LORING, PRESIDENT.

Districts.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.						
First District, .	Henry S. Washburn, .	Boston, .	-	-	-	-
Second " .	Francis B. Hayes, .	Boston, .	-	-	-	-
Third " .	Francis W. Jacobs, .	Boston, .	Dec. 30, 1837, .	Newburyport, .	Lawyer, .	1872.
Fourth " .	Julius K. Banister,* .	Boston, .	Feb. 22, 1833, .	Worcester, .	Furniture Dealer, .	†1872.
Fifth " .	Jonathan A. Lane, .	Boston, .	May 15, 1822, .	Bedford, .	Dry Goods Com. Merch't, .	†1863.
Sixth " .	Hugh J. Toland, .	Boston, .	Sept. 1, 1844, .	Boston, .	Jeweller, .	†1871.
Essex County.						
First District, .	Thomas Ingalls, .	Marblehead, .	Oct. 1, 1824, .	Marblehead, .	Foreman of Shoe Fact'y, .	†1873.
Second " .	George B. Loring, .	Salem, .	Nov. 8, 1817, .	North Andover, .	Farmer, .	†1866.
Third " .	Horace C. Bacon, .	Lawrence, .	Dec. 14, 1824, .	Newton, .	Lawyer, .	†1872.
Fourth " .	Zenas C. Wardwell, .	Groveland, .	Nov. 28, 1832, .	Albany, Me., .	Shoe Manufact'r, .	†1870.
Fifth " .	Charles Fitz, .	Manchester, .	July 21, 1806, .	Gloucester, .	Shipmaster, .	†1864.
Middlesex County.						
First District, .	Andrew J. Bailey, .	Charlestown, .	July 18, 1840, .	Charlestown, .	Lawyer, .	†1871.
Second " .	Nathaniel P. Banks, .	Waltham, .	Jan. 30, 1816, .	Waltham, .	Attorney-at-Law, .	†1849.
Third " .	Ezra Parmenter, .	Cambridge, .	Mar. 20, 1833, .	Boston, .	Physician, .	†1871.
Fourth " .	Walter N. Mason, .	Natick, .	Oct. 12, 1824, .	Tamworth, N. H., .	Att'y & Counsellor, .	1874.
Fifth " .	Thomas P. Hurlbut, .	Sudbury, .	June 1, 1820, .	Sudbury, .	Farmer, .	†1870.

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Sixth District, . . .	Brooks T. Batcheller, . . .	Lexington, . . .	Jan. 7, 1818, . . .	BillERICA, . . .	Retired, . . .	1874.
Seventh " . . .	William F. Salmon, . . .	Lowell, . . .	Oct. 18, 1831, . . .	Roxbury, . . .	Manufacturer, . . .	1874.
WORCESTER COUNTY.						
First District, . . .	George F. Verry, . . .	Worcester, . . .	July 14, 1826, . . .	Blackstone, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1874.
Second " . . .	Jeremiah Gatchell, . . .	Blackstone, . . .	July 13, 1834, . . .	Woonsocket, R. I., . . .	Manufacturer, . . .	1874.
Third " . . .	Henry L. Bancroft, . . .	Millbury, . . .	June 25, 1821, . . .	Millbury, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1873.
Fourth " . . .	Nathan'l L. Johnson, . . .	Dana, . . .	May 30, 1822, . . .	Dana, . . .	Manu'r & Farmer, . . .	†1857.
Fifth " . . .	Amasa Norcross, . . .	Fitchburg, . . .	Jan. 26, 1824, . . .	Rindge, N. H., . . .	Lawyer, . . .	†1858.
HAMPDEN COUNTY.						
First District, . . .	Edward H. Lathrop, . . .	Springfield, . . .	Dec. 2, 1838, . . .	Springfield, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	†1868.
Second " . . .	Henry Fuller, . . .	Westfield, . . .	July 17, 1825, . . .	Tolland, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	†1854.
BERKSHIRE AND HAMPSHIRE COUNTIES.						
Hampshire District, . . .	Francis Edson, . . .	Hadley, . . .	June 17, 1823, . . .	Hadley, . . .	Broom Manufact'r, . . .	†1870.
Berkshire & Hampsh'e Dis., . . .	Prentiss C. Baird, . . .	Lee, . . .	Sept. 30, 1831, . . .	Becket, . . .	Manufacturer, . . .	†1871.
Berkshire District, . . .	Edward Learned, . . .	Pittsfield, . . .	- - - . . .	- - - . . .	- - - . . .	- . . .
FRANKLIN COUNTY.						
Franklin District, . . .	David Aiken, . . .	Greenfield, . . .	June 8, 1804, . . .	Bedford, N. H., . . .	Attorney-at-Law, . . .	1874.
NORFOLK AND PLYMOUTH COUNTIES.						
First Norfolk District, . . .	Moody Merrill, . . .	Boston, . . .	June 27, 1836, . . .	Plymouth, N. H., . . .	Lawyer, . . .	†1869.
Second " . . .	Charles H. French, . . .	Canton, . . .	Sept. -, 1814, . . .	Canton, . . .	Banker & Manu'r, . . .	†1852.
Third " . . .	Erastus P. Carpenter, . . .	Foxborough, . . .	Nov. 23, 1822, . . .	Foxborough, . . .	Manufacturer, . . .	1873.
Norfolk & Plymouth Dis., . . .	Jedediah Dwelley, . . .	Hanover, . . .	Feb. 28, 1834, . . .	Hanover, . . .	Shoe Cutter & Ins. Agent, . . .	†1865.
First Plymouth District, . . .	Tisdale S. White, . . .	Plymouth, . . .	Nov. 7, 1809, . . .	Norton, . . .	Manufacturer, . . .	†1856.
Second " . . .	Edward P. Reed, . . .	Abington, . . .	Sept. 21, 1836, . . .	Abington, . . .	Lumber Dealer, . . .	1874.

† House of Representatives.

* Died, June 2, 1874.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

SENATE.
GEORGE B. LORING, PRESIDENT.

DISTRICTS.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.						
First District, . . .	Henry S. Washburn, . . .	Boston, . . .	- . .	- . .	- . .	- . .
Second " . . .	Francis B. Hayes, . . .	Boston, . . .	- . .	- . .	- . .	- . .
Third " . . .	Francis W. Jacobs, . . .	Boston, . . .	Dec. 30, 1837, . . .	Newburyport, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1872.
Fourth " . . .	Julius K. Banister, * . .	Boston, . . .	Feb. 22, 1833, . . .	Worcester, . . .	Furniture Dealer, . . .	†1872.
Fifth " . . .	Jonathan A. Lane, . . .	Boston, . . .	May 15, 1822, . . .	Bedford, . . .	Dry Goods Com. Merch't, . . .	†1863.
Sixth " . . .	Hugh J. Toland, . . .	Boston, . . .	Sept. 1, 1844, . . .	Boston, . . .	Jeweller, . . .	†1871.
ESSEX COUNTY.						
First District, . . .	Thomas Ingalls, . . .	Marblehead, . . .	Oct. 1, 1824, . . .	Marblehead, . . .	Foreman of Shoe Fact'y, . . .	†1873.
Second " . . .	George B. Loring, . . .	Salem, . . .	Nov. 8, 1817, . . .	North Andover, . . .	Farmer, . . .	†1866.
Third " . . .	Horace C. Bacon, . . .	Lawrence, . . .	Dec. 14, 1824, . . .	Newton, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	†1872.
Fourth " . . .	Zenas C. Wardwell, . . .	Groveland, . . .	Nov. 28, 1832, . . .	Albany, Me., . . .	Shoe Manufact'r, . . .	†1870.
Fifth " . . .	Charles Fitz, . . .	Manchester, . . .	July 21, 1806, . . .	Gloucester, . . .	Shipmaster, . . .	†1864.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY.						
First District, . . .	Andrew J. Bailey, . . .	Charlestown, . . .	July 18, 1840, . . .	Charlestown, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	†1871.
Second " . . .	Nathaniel P. Banks, . . .	Waltham, . . .	Jan. 30, 1816, . . .	Waltham, . . .	Attorney-at-Law, . . .	†1849.
Third " . . .	Ezra Parmenter, . . .	Cambridge, . . .	Mar. 20, 1833, . . .	Boston, . . .	Physician, . . .	†1871.
Fourth " . . .	Walter N. Mason, . . .	Natick, . . .	Oct. 12, 1824, . . .	Tamworth, N. H., . . .	Att'y & Counsellor, . . .	1874.
Fifth " . . .	Thomas P. Hurlbut, . . .	Sudbury, . . .	June 1, 1820, . . .	Sudbury, . . .	Farmer, . . .	†1870.

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Seventh " . . .	William F. Salmon, . . .	Lowell, . . .	Oct. 18, 1831, . . .	Roxbury, . . .	Manufacturer, . . .	1874.
WORCESTER COUNTY.						
First District, . . .	George F. Verry, . . .	Worcester, . . .	July 14, 1826, . . .	Blackstone, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1874.
Second " . . .	Jeremiah Gatchell, . . .	Blackstone, . . .	July 13, 1834, . . .	Woonsocket, R. I., . . .	Manufacturer, . . .	1874.
Third " . . .	Henry L. Bancroft, . . .	Millbury, . . .	June 25, 1821, . . .	Millbury, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1873.
Fourth " . . .	Nathan'l L. Johnson, . . .	Dana, . . .	May 30, 1822, . . .	Dana, . . .	Manur'r & Farmer, . . .	†1857.
Fifth " . . .	Amasa Norcross, . . .	Fitchburg, . . .	Jan. 26, 1824, . . .	Rindge, N. H., . . .	Lawyer, . . .	†1858.
HAMPDEN COUNTY.						
First District, . . .	Edward H. Lathrop, . . .	Springfield, . . .	Dec. 2, 1838, . . .	Springfield, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	†1868.
Second " . . .	Henry Fuller, . . .	Westfield, . . .	July 17, 1825, . . .	Tolland, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	†1854.
BERKSHIRE AND HAMP- SHIRE COUNTIES.						
Hampshire District, . . .	Francis Edson, . . .	Hadley, . . .	June 17, 1823, . . .	Hadley, . . .	Broom Manufact'r, . . .	†1870.
Berkshire & Hampsh'e Dis., . . .	Prentiss C. Baird, . . .	Lee, . . .	Sept. 30, 1831, . . .	Becket, . . .	Manufacturer, . . .	†1871.
Berkshire District, . . .	Edward Learned, . . .	Pittsfield, . . .	- . . .	- . . .	- . . .	- . . .
FRANKLIN COUNTY.						
Franklin District, . . .	David Aiken, . . .	Greenfield, . . .	June 8, 1804, . . .	Bedford, N. H., . . .	Attorney-at-Law, . . .	1874.
NORFOLK AND PLYMOUTH COUNTIES.						
First Norfolk District, . . .	Moody Merrill, . . .	Boston, . . .	June 27, 1836, . . .	Plymouth, N. H., . . .	Lawyer, . . .	†1869.
Second " . . .	Charles H. French, . . .	Canton, . . .	Sept. -, 1814, . . .	Canton, . . .	Banker & Manur'r, . . .	†1852.
Third " . . .	Erastus P. Carpenter, . . .	Foxborough, . . .	Nov. 23, 1822, . . .	Foxborough, . . .	Manufacturer, . . .	1873.
Norfolk & Plymouth Dis., . . .	Jedediah Dwyer, . . .	Hanover, . . .	Feb. 28, 1834, . . .	Hanover, . . .	Shoe Cutter & Ins. Agent, . . .	†1865.
First Plymouth District, . . .	Tisdale S. White, . . .	Plymouth, . . .	Nov. 7, 1809, . . .	Norton, . . .	Manufacturer, . . .	†1856.
Second " . . .	Edward P. Reed, . . .	Abington, . . .	Sept. 21, 1836, . . .	Abington, . . .	Lumber Dealer, . . .	1874.

† House of Representatives.

* Died, June 2, 1874.

Districts.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
BRISTOL COUNTY.						
First District, . . .	William C. Lovering, .	Taunton, .	Feb. 25, 1835,	Woonsocket, R. I.,	Cotton Manufact'r,	1874.
Second " . . .	John A. Hawes, .	Fairhaven, .	Sept 23, 1823,	Fairhaven, .	-	1870.
Third " . . .	Charles P. Stickney,	Fall River, .	Mar. 14, 1824,	Chester, N. H.,	Merchant, .	1871.
BARNSTABLE, NANTUCKET AND DUKES COUNTIES.						
Cape District, . . .	Thomas N. Stone, .	Wellfleet, .	May 30, 1818,	Wellfleet, .	Physician, .	*1873.
Island " . . .	Francis A. Nye, .	Falmouth, .	Dec. 1, 1822,	Falmouth, .	Farmer, .	*1869.

* House of Representatives.

OFFICERS OF THE SENATE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	1st year in office.
Stephen N. Gifford, <i>Clerk</i> ,	Duxbury, .	July 21, 1815,	Pembroke, .	1858.
A. M. Ide, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	Medway, .	Oct. 10, 1826,	West Medway, .	1874.
John Morlassey, <i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i> (to both branches), .	Plymouth, .	Sept. 22, 1818,	Boston, .	1859.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JOHN E. SANFORD, SPEAKER.

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Districts.	Name of Representative.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.						
No. 1, . . .	Andrew M. Morton, Nathaniel Seaver, . .	Boston, . East Boston, .	Feb. 25, 1839, —	Boston, . Jamaica Plain, .	Manufacturer, . Grocer, .	1873. —
2, . . .	Daniel J. Sweeney, . . Dennis Bonner, . . Timothy J. Dacey, . . Patrick Collins, . . Michael F. Wells, . . George P. Kingsley, . . Nathaniel J. Rust, . . Charles Hale, . .	Boston, . " . Boston, . " . " . " . " . " .	Jan. 25, 1834, Jan. —, 1821, Oct. 11, 1849, — — — Mar. 4, 1840, —	Boston, . Ireland, . Boston, . Ireland, . Boston, . Boston, . —	Printer, . Teamster, . Lawyer, . Grocer, . Builder, . Salesman, . —	— — 1873. 1874. 1874. 1870. 1874.
3, . . .	George P. Kingsley, . . Nathaniel J. Rust, . . Charles Hale, . .	" . " . " .	— — —	Boston, . — —	— — —	— — —
4, . . .	Alfred A. Clatur, . . George G. Crocker, . . George A. Shaw, . . Francis M. Hughes, . . Edward B. Rankin, . . Charles R. Codman, . . Frederic W. Lincoln, . . William E. Perkins, . . John E. Fitzgerald, . . Thos. F. Fitz Gerald, . . Patrick Barry, . .	" . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " .	June 7, 1831, Aug. 4, 1839, Dec. 15, 1843, Sept. 4, 1816, — 1845, Feb. 28, 1846, Oct. 28, 1829, July 27, 1817, — 1838, Nov. 17, 1844, Dec. 20, 1848, Mar. 17, 1834,	Boston, . Keene, N. H., . Boston, . Plymouth, . Boston, . Boston, . Boston, . Boston, . Boston, . Ireland, . Ireland, . Ireland, .	Merchant, . Counsellor & Convey'r, . Real Estate Dealer, . Trader, . Reporter, . — Merchant, . Lawyer, . Lawyer, . Clerk, . Grocer, .	1856. 1873. 1873. 1859. 1874. 1872. 1864. 1847. 1874. 1870. 1873. 1870.

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Districts.	Name of Representative.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK Co.—Con.						
No. 8, . . .	Benjamin Heath,	Boston, . .	May 1, 1821,	Charlestown,	Agent, . .	1873.
. . .	Henry P. Shattuck,	" . .	Nov. 27, 1844,	Dunkirk, N. Y.,	Physician, .	1873.
9, . . .	Lucius W. Knight,	" . .	Aug. 17, 1830,	N. Gloucester, Me.,	Contractor,	1873.
. . .	Moses Kimball,	" . .	- 1809,	Newburyport,	-	1850.
10, . . .	William Frost,	" . .	Jan. 4, 1822,	Limington, Me.,	Teamster & Fy Agt.,	1873.
. . .	Lyman Mason,	" . .	Apr. 2, 1815,	Cavendish, Vt.,	Lawyer, . .	1874.
11, . . .	John J. McNutt,	" . .	Sept. 29, 1822,	Truro, N. S.,	Manufacturer,	1874.
. . .	John Bigelow,	" . .	Feb. 4, 1841,	-	Manufacturer,	1873.
12, . . .	Edward J. Jones,	" . .	Oct. 15, 1822,	Boston, . .	Ass't Supt. Met. R. R.,	1873.
. . .	Richard H. Stearns,	" . .	Dec. 25, 1824,	Ashburnham,	Merchant, . .	1874.
13, . . .	Henry W. Wilson,	" . .	Oct. 17, 1834,	"	Civil Engineer,	1874.
. . .	Richard Pope,	" . .	Feb. 28, 1843,	Haverhill,	Insurance, . .	1873.
. . .	Eustace C. Fitz,	Chelsea,	Feb. 5, 1838,	Norridgewock, Me.,	Merchant, . .	1873.
. . .	John W. Fletcher,	" . .	Apr. 11, 1824,	Stamford, Conn.,	Insurance, . .	1873.
. . .	Isaac Stebbins,	" . .	Oct. 3, 1817,	"	Banker, . .	1874.
Essex County.						
No. 1, . . .	Henry D. Lay,	-	-	Salisbury,	-	-
. . .	Joseph M. Eaton,	E. Salisbury,	Dec. 3, 1834,	Haverhill,	Shoemaker,	1874.
2, . . .	William E. Blunt,	Haverhill,	Aug. 21, 1840,	Haverhill,	Lawyer,	1871.
. . .	James H. Carleton,	" . .	Mar. 9, 1818,	"	Treas Aqueduct Co.,	1874.
3, . . .	Laburton Johnson,	Bradford,	Feb. 21, 1827,	Bradford,	Manufacturer,	1874.
. . .	William S. Knox,	Lawrence,	Sept. 10, 1843,	Killingly, Conn.,	Lawyer,	1874.
4, . . .	Henry J. Couch,	" . .	- 1831,	Boacawen, N. H.,	Bulldoz,	1874.
. . .	James O. Parker,	Methuen,	- 1827,	Pembroke, N. H.,	Insurance, . .	1874.
. . .	Samuel H. Boutwell,	Andover,	Mar. 25, 1838,	Andover,	Farming, . .	1874.

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No. 5,	.	.	Joseph E. Bailey,	Georgetown, .	Mar. 80, 1839,	Newbury, .	Merchant, .	1874.
6,	.	{	Ben. C. Currier,	Newburyport,	Oct. 29, 1822,	Boston, .	Mason, .	1873.
7,	.	.	Joseph B. Morss,	"	Sept. 22, 1808,	Newburyport,	Merchant, .	1838.
8,	.	.	Elbridge G. Kelley,	"	Sept. 29, 1812,	N. Boston, N. H.,	Physician, .	1874.
9,	.	.	Edward G. Hull,	Ipswich, .	Mar. -, 1834,	Ipswich, .	Lumber Dealer, .	1874.
10,	.	{	Addison Gilbert,	Gloucester, .	Nov. 23, 1808,	Gloucester, .	Retired Manufacturer,	1836.
11,	.	.	James G. Tarr,	"	July 6, 1836,	Gloucester, .	Trader, .	1873.
12,	.	.	Aaron Low, .	Essex, .	Aug. 11, 1833,	Gloucester, .	Seedsman, .	1874.
13,	.	.	John J. Giles, .	Rockport,	Feb. 1, 1810,	Rockport, .	Shipmaster, .	1874.
14,	.	{	Francis E. Porter,	Beverly, .	Sept. 14, 1824,	Beverly, .	Shoe Manufacturer, .	1873.
15,	.	.	John B. Hill, .	"	- 1824,	Beverly, .	Jeweller, .	1856.
16,	.	.	George J. Sanger,	Danvers, .	Aug. 27, 1826,	Framingham,	Clergyman, .	1869.
17,	.	.	Stephen F. Blaney,	Peabody, .	July 24, 1844,	Peabody, .	Wool Dealer, .	1874.
18,	.	{	Willard P. Phillips,	Salem, .	Sept. 7, 1825,	Salem, .	Merchant, .	1848.
19,	.	.	Charles S. Osgood,	"	Mar. 13, 1839,	Salem, .	Lawyer, .	1874.
20,	.	.	John H. Bell, .	"	- 1829,	Salem, .	Carpenter, .	1874.
		{	William B. Brown,	Marblehead, .	Aug. 12, 1821,	Marblehead, .	Real Estate, .	1867.
		.	Joshua P. Haskell,	"	Feb. 28, 1835,	Marblehead, .	Shoe-Cutter, .	1874.
		.	Edward J. Johnson,	Nahant, .	Oct. 8, 1832,	Nahant, .	Conveyancer, .	1874.
		.	James N. Buffum, .	Lynn, .	-	No. Berwick, Me.,	Lumber, .	1874.
		.	Henry B. Lovering, .	"	Apr. 8, 1841,	Portsmouth, N. H.,	Laster, .	1872.
		.	W. Stanley Newhall,	"	Nov. 12, 1831,	E. Saugus, .	Lumber, .	1874.
		.	William R. Roundy,	Lynnfield, .	- 1823,	Lempster, N. H., .	Livery Stable, .	1874.
MIDDLESEX Co.								
No. 1,	.	.	Robert R. Wiley,	Boston (B. H. Dist.),	Mar. 1, 1828,	Charlestown,	Mason, .	1873.
2,	.	{	I. W. Derby, .	"	Oct. 2, 1835,	Fairlee, Vt., .	Real Estate Agent, .	1873.
3,	.	.	Aaron O. Buxton,	"	May 12, 1832,	Coventry, Vt.,	Manufacturer, .	1874.
		{	John H. Studley,	"	Oct. 29, 1828,	Charlestown,	Supt. Middlesex R. R.,	1873.
		.	Joseph W. Hill,	"	June 27, 1837,	Scituate, .	Builder, .	1874.

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MIDDLESEX Co.—Con.						
No. 4,	J. A. Cummings,	Somerville,	Jan. 16, 1838,	Nelson, N. H.,	Printer,	1874.
5,	Horace Haskins,	"	Apr. 3, 1829,	Dover, Vt.,	Commission Business,	1874.
6,	J. K. C. Sleeper,	Malden,	Feb. 7, 1828,	Bridgewater, N. H.,	Merchant,	1874.
7,	Benj. F. Hayes,	Medford,	July 3, 1835,	Berwick, Me.,	Lawyer,	1872.
8,	John T. Manny,	Winchester,	—	N. Amsterdam, N. Y.,	Bank Treasurer,	1874.
9,	Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	Cambridge,	Oct. 17, 1825,	Boston..	Assessor,	1874.
10,	Joshua B. Smith,	"	Nov. 7, 1813,	"	Caterer,	1873.
11,	Curtis Davis,	"	— 1814,	"	Manufacturer,	1868.
12,	Daniel H. Thurston,	"	Jan. 24, 1813,	"	Manufacturer,	1874.
13,	Jerem. W. Coveney,	"	Dec. 24, 1840,	"	—	1874.
14,	Chas. Robinson, Jr.,	Newton,	Nov. 6, 1829,	Lexington,	Attorney,	1874.
15,	Robert R. Bishop,	"	Mar. 31, 1834,	Medfield,	Attorney,	1874.
16,	Samuel S. Gleason,	Watertown,	— 1841,	Wayland,	Grocer,	1874.
17,	William A. Adams,	Waltham,	Aug. 4, 1830,	Waltham,	Merchant,	1872.
18,	John B. Fairbanks,	Natick,	May 27, 1822,	Medfield,	Periodicals,	1874.
19,	Eben Kimball,	Holliston,	June 20, 1818,	Holliston,	Mechanic,	1874.
20,	Charles Alden,	Ashland,	—	Newton,	Manufacturer,	1874.
21,	Franklin H. Sprague,	Frammingham,	May 19, 1825,	Phillipston,	Trader and Farmer,	1858.
22,	Francis C. Curtis,	Marlborough,	—	—	—	1874.
	Avery W. Nelson,	Stow,	Feb. 14, 1821,	Lincoln,	Blacksmith,	1874.
	George C. Wright,	Acton,	Jan. 7, 1823,	Bedford,	Manufacturer,	1874.
	John B. Moore,	Concord,	Feb. 18, 1817,	Concord,	Farmer,	1873.
	Richard D. Blinn,	Lexington,	— 1832,	Bedford,	Ass't Supt. L. & A. R. R.,	1869.
	John Cummings,	Woburn,	Oct. 19, 1812,	Woburn,	Tanner and Currier,	1873.

No. 23.	.	{	Richard Britton,	Wakefield,	Aug. 26, 1838,	Ireland,	Manufacturer,	1873.
24.	.	.	Elbridge H. Goss,	Melrose,	Dec. 22, 1830,	Boston,	Bookkeeper,	1874.
25.	.	.	Andrew Howes,	Reading,	1826,	Chatham,	Manufacturer,	1874.
26.	.	.	Ziba Gay,	Chelmsford,	Nov. 13, 1823,	Niagara, N. Y.,	Machinist,	1874.
27.	.	{	Artemas S. Tyler,	Lowell,	Nov. 2, 1824,	Chelmsford,	Bank-Treasurer,	1874.
28.	.	.	John C. Blood,	"	Feb. 7, 1836,	Cambridge,	Railroad Conductor,	1874.
29.	.	.	James E. Hill,	"	Aug. 26, 1838,	Lowell,	Carpenter,	1874.
30.	.	.	J. A. G. Richardson,	"	Oct. 13, 1840,	Lowell,	Provision Dealer,	1874.
31.	.	.	Jonathan Johnson,	"	Aug. 7, 1818,	Groton,	Jeweller,	1856.
32.	.	.	Gayton M. Hall,	Dracut,	Mar. 29, 1835,	Dracut,	Farming,	1874.
	.	.	George S. Gates,	Groton,	July 23, 1817,	Peterboro', N. H.,	Baker,	1874.
	.	.	Alonzo A. Carr,	Ashby,	June 7, 1836,	Hudson,	Manufacturer,	1874.
WORCESTER Co.								
No. 1,	.	.	Charles A. Loud,	Winchendon,	Oct. 31, 1829,	Winchendon,	Manufacturer,	1874.
2,	.	.	J. A. Rich,	Royalston,	Apr. 11, 1825,	Phillipston,	Manufacturer,	1868.
3,	.	.	L. H. Sawin,	Gardner,	1817,	Gardner,	Manufacturer,	1874.
4,	.	.	Almon M. Orcutt,	Hardwick,	Oct. 18, 1824,	Cummingtown,	Physician,	1874.
5,	.	.	John W. Rice,	Barre,	Dec. 8, 1818,	Rutland,	Merchant,	1873.
6,	.	.	C. C. Field,	Leominster,	May 27, 1810,	Northfield,	Physician,	1873.
7,	.	.	E. P. Loring,	Fitchburg,	Mar. 2, 1837,	Norridgewock, Me.,	Lawyer,	1872.
8,	.	.	John F. Haskins,	"	Oct. 2, 1831,	Buffalo, N. Y.,	Machinist & Engin'r,	-
9,	.	.	James D. Hurlbut,	Bolton,	1832,	Sudbury,	Carpenter,	1874.
10,	.	.	Samuel M. Haynes,	Berlin,	-	-	-	1874.
	.	.	Henry V. Woods,	Boylston,	1821,	Marlborough,	Farmer,	1874.
	.	.	Moses Smith,	Rutland,	Nov. 23, 1815,	Rutland,	Farmer,	1874.
	.	.	Samuel Winslow,	Worcester,	Feb. 28, 1827,	Newton,	Machinist & Manuf'r,	1873.
	.	.	Tim. W. Wellington,	"	July 4, 1811,	Lexington,	Coal Dealer,	1864.
	.	.	Emory Banister,	"	-	Southborough,	Savings Bank,	1874.

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WORCESTER Co.—Con.						
No. 11,	Andrew Athy, . .	Worcester, . .	—	—	—	1874.
	Thomas Gates, . .	" . .	—	Caroline, N. Y., .	Highway Commiss'r.,	1870.
	James E. Estabrook, .	" . .	—	Worcester, . .	Lawyer, . .	1874.
12,	Charles L. Pratt, . .	Grafton, . .	Nov. 6, 1839, . .	Grafton, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1874.
13,	Reuben Boynton, . .	Westborough, . .	Sept. 29, 1815, . .	Westborough, . .	Grocer, . .	1865.
14,	Nahum B. Hall, . .	Upton, . .	Feb. 13, 1823, . .	Upton, . .	Builder, . .	1874.
	George W. Tait, . .	Uxbridge, . .	May 13, 1823, . .	Uxbridge, . .	Farmer, . .	1874.
15,	Albert Smith, . .	Blackstone, . .	—	—	—	1874.
	Lawrence Reade, . .	Milford, . .	Aug. 25, 1835, . .	Ireland, . .	Real Estate Agent, .	1871.
	James B. Williams, . .	Douglas, . .	Oct. 3, 1839, . .	Winsted, Conn., .	Salesman, . .	1874.
16,	George Hodges, . .	Oxford, . .	—	Salem, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1860.
	William Abbott, . .	Sutton, . .	—	Temple, Me., . .	Grocer, . .	1874.
17,	Erastus Jones, . .	Spencer, . .	—	Spencer, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1874.
	Warren Sibley, . .	Auburn, . .	Feb. 10, 1819, . .	Auburn, . .	Farmer, . .	1874.
	Warren Tyler, . .	N. Brookfield, . .	—	No. Brookfield, . .	Physician, . .	1857.
18,	Stillm. Butterworth, .	Brookfield, . .	Mar. 20, 1817, . .	Wrentham, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1874.
HAMPSHIRE Co.						
No. 1,	Porter Nutting, . .	Northampton, . .	Jan. 14, 1814, . .	South Amherst, . .	Mason and Farmer, .	1874.
	William G. Bassett, . .	Easthampton, . .	—	No. Haven, Conn., .	Lawyer, . .	1874.
2,	Lysander J. Orcutt, . .	Cummington, . .	Jan. —, 1826, . .	Cummington, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1874.
3,	Samuel P. Billings, . .	Hatfield, . .	—	Hatfield, . .	Farming, . .	1874.
4,	Edward Dickinson,* .	Amherst, . .	Jan. 1, 1803, . .	Amherst, . .	Retired Lawyer, . .	1838.
5,	Asahel Gates, . .	Pelham, . .	—	—	—	1874.
6,	Henry C. Davis, . .	Ware, . .	Oct. 22, 1843, . .	Palmer, . .	Lawyer, . .	1874.

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BERKSHIRE Co.— <i>Con.</i>						
No. 4,	Simon H. White, . .	Hinsdale, . .	1832, . .	Hinsdale, . .	Farmer, . .	1874.
5,	John B. Hall, . .	Stockbridge, . .	1835, . .	Stockbridge, . .	Farmer & Manufact'r, . .	1874.
6,	Thomas M. Judd, . .	Lee, . .	July 16, 1840, . .	Tyringham, . .	Lawyer, . .	1873.
7,	Henry W. Wright, . .	Gt. Barrington, . .	Oct. 2, 1834, . .	Porter, N. Y., . .	Grocer, . .	1873.
8,	William B. Gibson, . .	N. Marlboro', . .	— . .	New Marlborough, . .	Lumber Dealer, . .	1874.
NORFOLK COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Aug. B. Endicott, . .	Dedham, . .	Sept 10, 1818, . .	Canton, . .	Deputy-Sheriff, . .	1872.
2,	Richard Olney, . .	Boston, . .	— 1835, . .	Oxford, . .	Attorney, . .	1874.
3,	Albert Palmer, . .	" . .	Jan. 17, 1831, . .	Candia, N. H., . .	Ice Business, . .	1872.
4,	George Bartholmesz, . .	" . .	Apr. 22, 1821, . .	Bavaria, Germany, . .	Boot & Shoe Manufr, . .	1872.
5,	Brownell Granger, . .	" . .	Apr. 23, 1835, . .	Greenfield, . .	Civil Engineer, . .	1872.
6,	Austin H. Connell, . .	" . .	Jan. 4, 1846, . .	Ireland, . .	Baker, . .	1874.
7,	R. Hutchinson, . .	" . .	Oct 13, 1818, . .	Boston, . .	Cabinet-maker, . .	1873.
8,	Albe C. Clark, . .	" . .	Aug. 31, 1826, . .	Franklin, N. H., . .	Lawyer, . .	1873.
9,	John Q. Adams, . .	Quincy, . .	Sept. 22, 1833, . .	Boston, . .	Lawyer, . .	1866.
10,	N. E. Hollis, . .	Braintree, . .	Oct. 4, 1840, . .	Braintree, . .	Commission Business, . .	1874.
11,	Joseph W. Rogers, . .	Weymouth, . .	— 1828, . .	Boston, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1874.
12,	D. Franklin Reed, . .	" . .	May 10, 1834, . .	Lynn, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1874.
13,	Andrew J. Gove, . .	Randolph, . .	Oct. 26, 1834, . .	Plainfield, N. H., . .	Expressman, . .	1873.
14,	Ezra Stearns, . .	Stoughton, . .	Dec. 21, 1812, . .	Boston, . .	Shoemaker, . .	1874.
15,	Willard Lewis, . .	Walpole, . .	Feb. 24, 1808, . .	Roxbury, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1873.
16,	Sanford W. Billings, . .	Sharon, . .	Oct. 8, 1834, . .	Sharon, . .	Teacher, . .	1873.
17,	Edward Eaton, . .	Medway, . .	— 1818, . .	Framingham, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1874.
18,	Abraham W. Harris, . .	Wrentham, . .	June 24, 1829, . .	Pawtucket, R. I., . .	— . .	1874.
19,	John H. Fisher, . .	Franklin, . .	Jan. 23, 1807, . .	Franklin, . .	Day Laborer, . .	1873.

No. 14,	.	.	Joseph E. Fiske,	Needham,	Oct. 23, 1839,	Needham,	Real Estate,	1874.
15,	.	.	Moses Williams, Jr.,	Brookline,	Dec. 4, 1846,	W. Roxbury,	Lawyer,	1874.
BRISTOL COUNTY.								
No. 1,	.	.	Samuel S. Ginnodo,	Attleborough,	Oct. 15, 1816,	So. Kingston, R. L.,	Manufact'g Jeweller,	1874.
2,	.	.	Henry L. Pratt,	Mansfield,	Mar. 29, 1833,	Mansfield,	Grocer,	1874.
3,	.	.	Thos. S. Cushman,	Raynham,	June 29, 1809,	Kingston,	Farmer,	1874.
4,	.	.	John E. Sanford,	Taunton,	Nov. 22, 1830,	Dennis,	Lawyer,	1863.
5,	.	.	Cyrus Savage	"	Sept. -, 1832,	Boston,	Brittania Worker,	1874.
6,	.	.		Rehoboth,	Mar. 13, 1836,	Ware,	Nailer,	1874.
7,	.	.		"	Nov. 4, 1794,	Rehoboth,	Carpenter,	1874.
8,	.	.		Fall River,	Feb. 14, 1815,	Medway,	Dentist,	1870.
9,	.	.		"	July 12, 1822,	Fall River,	Clothier,	1874.
10,	.	.		"	-	Scotland,	Land Agent,	1874.
11,	.	.		Westport,	-	Dartmouth,	Master Mariner,	1874.
12,	.	.		So. Dartmouth,	-	So. Dartmouth,	Farmer,	1874.
	.	.	Abraham H. Smith,	New Bedford,	Aug. -, 1816,	Sidney, Me.,	Master Mariner,	1873.
	.	.	Isaac F. Sawtelle,	"	Feb. 22, 1850,	New Bedford,	Clerk,	1873.
	.	.	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,	"	Apr. 8, 1824,	Boston,	Druggist,	1866.
	.	.	Elijah H. Chisholm,	"	Dec. 12, 1813,	Winsor,	-	1874.
	.	.	Cyrus W. Chapman,	Fairhaven,	Feb. 8, 1810,	Plymouth,	Shipwright,	1855.
	.	.	Daniel J. Lewis,					
PLYMOUTH COUNTY.								
No. 1,	.	.	James L. Merritt,	Scituate,	July 10, 1826,	Scituate,	Town Clerk,	1874.
2,	.	.	John Cushing,	Hingham,	Apr. 7, 1808,	Hingham,	Shoemaker & Farmer,	1873.
3,	.	.	Charles H. Killam,	Hanover,	Dec. 22, 1832,	Hanover,	Manufacturer,	1874.
4,	.	.	William Whiting,	Pembroke,	-	-	-	-
5,	.	.	Samuel Loring,	Duxbury,	Oct. 6, 1820,	Duxbury,	Manufacturer,	1874.
6,	.	.	Albert Mason,	Plymouth,	Nov 7, 1836,	Middleborough,	Lawyer,	1873.
	.	.	Horatio A. Lucas,	Carver,	Sept. 19, 1837,	Carver,	Farmer,	1874.

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PLYMOUTH Co.—Con						
No. 7, . . .	John Savory, . .	Wareham, . .	Nov. 8, 1816,	Wareham, . .	Retired Merchant,	1874.
8, . . .	Leonard Washburn,	Lakeville, . .	Apr. 12, 1813,	Middleborough,	Millwright, . .	1874.
9, . . .	John Shaw, . .	Middleboro', . .	Dec. 3, 1823,	Carver. . .	Druggist, . .	1873.
10, . . .	. . .	W. Bridgewater,	June 20, 1819,	. . .	Farmer, . .	1874.
11, . . .	Edward O. Noyes, .	Brockton, . .	~ 1843,	. . .	Clergyman, . .	1874.
12, . . .	Jesse E. Keith, . .	Rockland, (Attauga,) .	Oct. 18, 1840,	. . .	Merchant, . .	1873.
. . .	Nathan S. Jenkins, .	" " . .	May 2, 1824,	. . .	Lawyer, . .	1873.
. . .	. . .	. . .	Feb. 14, 1820,	Anington, . .	Boot and Shoemaker,	1856.
BARNSTABLE Co.						
No. 1, . . .	Levi L. Goodspeed, .	Barnstable, . .	~ 1822,	W. Barnstable,	Farmer, . .	1874.
. . .	Philip H. Robinson, .	Sandwich, . .	Aug. 6, 1823,	Sandwich, . .	Farmer, . .	1873.
. . .	Joshua C. Robinson, .	Falmouth, . .	May 11, 1834,	Falmouth, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1874.
2, . . .	David P. Howes, . .	E. Dennis, . .	Mar. 14, 1815,	Dennis, . .	Farmer, . .	1873.
3, . . .	George D. Smalley, .	Harwich, . .	~ 1834,	Brewster, . .	Hardware Dealer,	1874.
4, . . .	Solomon E. Hallett, .	Chatham, . .	~ 1823,	Chatham, . .	Merchant, . .	1874.
. . .	Henry Shortle, . .	Provincetown, .	~ -	Virginia, . .	Dentist, . .	1864.
. . .	Lewis Lombard, . .	Eastham, . .	Sept. 6, 1819,	Wellfleet, . .	Mariner, . .	1874.
DUKES COUNTY.						
No. 1, . . .	David Mayhew, . .	Tisbury, . .	Oct. 23, 1834,	Chilmark, . .	Farmer, . .	1873.
NANTUCKET Co.						
No. 1, . . .	Edward McClavo, . .	Nantucket, . .	Nov. -, 1813,	Nantucket, . .	Master Mariner,	1873.

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Occupation.	1st year in office.
George A. Marden, <i>Clerk</i> ,	Lowell,	August 9, 1839,	Editor,	1874.
Robert G. Seymour, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	Boston,	- - -	Clergyman,	1873.

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THE SPEAKER.

1. The Speaker shall take the chair at the hour to which the House stands adjourned, call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum proceed to business.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House.

[With regard to appeals, see Rules 81 and 92.]

3. He shall declare all votes, subject to verification as hereinafter provided.

[See Rules 63 to 67.]

4. In all cases he may vote.

5. He shall rise to put a question, or to address the House, but may read sitting.

6. He shall each day examine the journal of the House.

7. He may name a member to perform the duties of the chair for a period not exceeding two days at one time.

8. In case of a vacancy in the office of Speaker, or in case the Speaker or the member named by him in accordance with the preceding rule, is absent at the hour to which the House stands adjourned, the senior monitor present shall call the House to order, and shall preside until a Speaker pro tempore or a Speaker is elected by ballot, which shall be the first business in order.

MONITORS.

9. Two monitors shall be appointed by the Speaker for each division of the House, whose duty it shall be to see to the due observance of the Rules and Orders, and on request of the Speaker to return the number of votes and members in their respective divisions.

10. If a member transgress any of the Rules and Orders after being notified thereof by a monitor, it shall be the duty of such monitor to report the case to the House.

[For duty of monitor in case of the absence of the Speaker, see Rule 8.] [See Rule 20.]

CLERK.

11. The Clerk shall keep the journal of the House. He shall enter therein a record of each day's proceedings and submit it to the Speaker before the hour fixed for the next sitting.

12. Every question of order shall be noted in the journal, and with the decision shall be entered at large in an appendix which shall also contain the Rules and Orders of the House, and of the two branches.

13. The Clerk shall prepare and cause to be printed each day a calendar of matters in order for consideration; followed by a brief minute of the preliminary proceedings of the previous day; a list of matters lying on the table; and such other memoranda as the House or the Speaker may direct.

14. Any objection to the calendar shall be made and disposed of before the House votes to proceed to the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

15. The Clerk shall retain bills and other papers, in reference to which any member has a right to move a reconsideration (except petitions, enacted bills, orders of inquiry and orders of notice), until the right of reconsideration has expired: *provided*, that the operation of this rule shall be suspended during the last week of the session.

MEMBERS.

16. No member shall stand up, to the inconvenience of others, while a member is speaking; or pass unnecessarily between the Speaker of the House and the member speaking; or stand in the passages, or in the area in front of the chair.

17. No member shall be absent more than two days without leave of the House.

18. No member shall leave the House before the consideration of the Orders of the Day is finished.

19. Papers in possession of a member obtaining leave of absence, or at the end of the session, shall be left by him with the Clerk.

20. If a member is guilty of a breach of any of the Rules and Orders, he may be required by the House on motion to make satisfaction therefor, and, until he has done so, he shall not be allowed to vote or speak, except by way of excuse.

[See Rule 10.]

COMMITTEES.

21. At the beginning of the political year, eleven Standing Committees, to consist of seven members each, shall be appointed, as follows:—

A Committee on the Judiciary ;

A Committee on Matters of Probate and Chancery ;

A Committee on Finance ;

A Committee on Elections ;

A Committee on Bills in the Third Reading ;

A Committee on Engrossed Bills ;

A Committee on County Estimates ;

A Committee on the Pay Roll ;

A Committee on Leave of Absence ;

A Committee on Public Buildings ;

A Committee on Printing.

22. Unless other provision is made in any case, all committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, and the member first named shall be chairman.

23. In case of the election of a committee by ballot the member having the highest number of votes shall be chairman.

24. No member shall be required to be on more than two committees at the same time, nor chairman of more than one.

25. No member shall serve on any committee in any question where his private right is immediately concerned distinct from the public interest.

26. The Committee on Finance shall report in appropriation bills, only such items of expenditure as are authorized by law, or such as the committee has been directed by the House to insert.

27. The Committee on Bills in the Third Reading shall examine and correct the bills which are referred to it, for the pur-

pose of avoiding repetitions and unconstitutional provisions, insuring accuracy in the text and references, and consistency with the language of existing statutes: *provided*, that any change in the sense or legal effect shall be reported as an amendment.

28. The Committee on Engrossed Bills shall carefully examine and compare engrossed bills, and report them rightly and truly engrossed, when found to be so.

29. When the object of an application, whether by petition, order, or bill introduced on leave, can be secured without a special act under existing general laws, the committee to which the matter is referred shall report leave to withdraw, inexpedient to legislate, or ought not to pass, as the case may be.

30. No bill affecting the rights of individuals or private or municipal corporations shall be reported by a committee, unless notice has been given to all parties interested, by public advertisement or otherwise, without expense to the Commonwealth; or unless satisfactory evidence is produced that the parties interested have either received notice in writing, or have in writing waived notice.

31. On or before the twenty-second day of March, committees shall make final report upon matters referred to them prior to that day, unless further time is granted, for cause.

Committee of the Whole.

32. When the House determines to go into a committee of the whole, the chairman shall be appointed by the Speaker.

33. The rules of the House shall be observed in a committee of the whole, so far as they may be applicable, except the rules limiting debate. A motion to rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again, shall be always first in order, and be decided without debate.

REGULAR COURSE OF PROCEEDINGS.

Petitions, &c., and Reports of Committees.

34. Petitions, memorials, remonstrances, and papers of a like nature, and reports of committees, shall be presented before the House proceeds to the consideration of the Orders of the Day, and the Speaker shall call on the several divisions for such papers.

35. The member presenting a petition, memorial, or remonstrance, shall indorse his name thereon, with a brief statement of the nature and object of the paper, and the reading thereof shall be dispensed with, unless specially ordered.

Papers from the Senate.

36. Papers from the Senate shall be laid before the House by the Speaker, and received for action conformably to such of these Rules and Orders as are applicable thereto, before the House proceeds to the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

Papers addressed to the House, not Petitions.

37. Papers addressed to the House or the General Court, other than petitions, memorials, and remonstrances, or those received from the Senate, may be presented by the Speaker, or by a member in his place, and shall be read unless it is specially ordered that the reading be dispensed with.

Orders of Inquiry.

38. All motions contemplating legislation, when not founded upon petition, or upon bill proposed to be introduced on leave, shall be made in the form of an order of inquiry, which shall indicate the nature of the legislation proposed; and if reference is made to any particular law, for amendment or otherwise, the order shall specify the chapter and section, as well as the subject to which it relates.

Postponement to the Next Day on Request of a Member.

39. The consideration of any order proposed for adoption, or of any request for leave to introduce a bill, shall be postponed without question to the day after that on which the order is proposed or request made, if any member asks such postponement.

Bills and Resolves.

40. Bills shall be fairly written in a legible hand, without material erasure or interlineation, on not less than one sheet of paper, with suitable margins and spaces between the several sections; dates and numbers being written in words at length.

41. If opposition is made to a bill before it is ordered to a second reading, the question shall be, "*Shall this bill be rejected?*"

If no opposition is made, or if the question to reject is negatived, the bill shall go to its second reading without a question.

42. Bills involving an expenditure of public money, shall, after the first reading, be referred to the Committee on Finance, for report on their relation to the finances of the Commonwealth.

43. Bills from the Senate, after their first reading, shall be referred to a committee of the House, unless they were reported to the Senate by a joint committee.

44. Amendments, proposed by the Senate and sent back to the House for concurrence, shall be referred to the committee which reported the measure proposed to be amended, unless such committee is composed of members of both branches.

45. No bill shall be proposed or introduced unless received from the Senate, reported by a committee, or moved as an amendment to the report of a committee: *provided*, that the House may grant special leave to a member to introduce a bill; but when leave is asked for the introduction of a bill, it shall be read for information before the question is put on granting leave; and if leave is granted, it shall be committed, before it is ordered to a second reading.

46. No bill affecting directly the legal rights of individuals or corporations, otherwise than as it affects generally the interests of the whole people of the Commonwealth or of the cities or towns to which it specifically applies, shall be proposed or introduced, by amendment or otherwise, except by a report of a committee, upon petition duly presented and referred.

47. When a bill, order, petition, memorial or remonstrance has been finally rejected, no measure substantially the same shall be introduced by any committee or member during the same session; and if an amendment to a House bill is received from the Senate, which amendment is substantially the same as a bill which has been rejected by the House, the Speaker shall direct the Clerk to indorse on the paper that the House non-concurs in the amendment, and shall not entertain any motion for any other action thereon.

48. Bills in their third reading, shall be referred to the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, for examination, correction and report.

[See Rule 27.]

49. No bill shall pass to be engrossed without having been read on three several days.

50. Engrossed bills shall be referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills for examination, comparison, and report.

[See Rule 28.]

51. No engrossed bill shall be amended.

52. Engrossed bills, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills to be rightly and truly engrossed, shall be put upon their passage to be enacted; and engrossed resolves, when so reported, shall be put upon their passage; without further reading, unless specially ordered.

53. No engrossed bill shall be sent to the Senate, without notice thereof being given by the Speaker.

Orders of the Day.

54. Bills from the Senate, after their first reading, when not referred to a committee of the House, and bills reported to the House by committees, to which no objection is made or when the question of rejection is negatived, shall be placed in the orders for second reading on the next day.

55. Reports of committees not by bill or resolve shall be placed in the orders of the next day after that on which they are received from the Senate, or made to the House, as the case may be.

56. Bills ordered to a third reading, shall be placed in the orders of the next day, for such reading.

57. After entering upon the consideration of the orders of the day, the House shall proceed with them in regular course, as follows:—Matters not giving rise to a motion or debate shall first be disposed of in the order in which they stand in the calendar; after which the matters that were passed over shall be considered in like order, and disposed of.

58. When the House does not finish the consideration of the Orders of the Day, those which have not been acted upon shall be the orders for the next and each succeeding day until disposed of, and shall be entered in the calendar, without change in their order, to precede matters added under Rules fifty-four, fifty-five and fifty-six. The unfinished business in which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, shall have the preference in the orders of the next day, after motions to reconsider.

Special Rules affecting the Course of Proceedings.

[For postponement of Order, &c., to next day, on request of a member, see Rule 89.]

59. No matter which has been duly placed in the orders of the day shall be discharged therefrom, or considered out of the regular course.

60. If, under the operation of the previous question or otherwise, an amendment is made at the second or third reading of a bill substantially changing the greater part of such bill, the question shall not be put forthwith on ordering the bill to a third reading or to be engrossed (as the case may be), but the bill, as amended, shall be placed in the orders of the next day after that on which the amendment is made, and shall then be open to further amendment before such question is put. In like manner, when, under the operation of the previous question or otherwise, an amendment is made in any proposition of such a nature as to change its character, as from a bill to an order, or the like, the proposition as amended shall be placed in the orders of the next day after that on which the amendment was made.

VOTING.

61. No member shall vote in any question where his private right is immediately concerned, distinct from the public interest.

62. Every member not prevented by interest, who is present in the House when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless the House, for special reasons, excuse him. Members desiring to be so excused shall make application to that effect before the House is divided, or before the taking of the yeas and nays is begun. Such application may be accompanied by a brief statement of reasons by the member making it, but shall be decided without debate.

63. When a question is put, the sense of the House shall be taken by the voices of the members, and the Speaker shall first announce the vote as it appears to him by the sound.

64. If the Speaker is unable to decide by the sound of the voices, or if his announcement made thereupon is doubted by a member rising in his place for that purpose, the Speaker shall order a return by divisions of the number voting in the affirmative and in the negative, without further debate upon the question.

[For duty of monitors in case of a division, see Rule 9.]

65. When a return by divisions is ordered, the members for or against the question, when called on by the Speaker, shall rise in their places, and stand until they are counted.

66. The sense of the House shall be taken by yeas and nays, whenever required by one-fifth of the members present. When the yeas and nays are taken, the roll of the House shall be called in alphabetical order, and no member shall be allowed to vote who was not on the floor when his name was called or before the roll-call was finished.

67. The call for the yeas and nays shall be decided without debate. If the yeas and nays have been ordered before the question is put, the proceedings under Rules sixty-three, sixty-four and sixty-five shall be omitted; if not, they may be called for in lieu of a return by divisions when the Speaker's announcement is doubted by a member rising in his place, and if then ordered, the proceedings under Rules sixty-four and sixty-five shall be omitted.

Reconsideration.

68. When a vote has passed (except as provided in the next rule), it shall be in order for any member to move the reconsideration thereof on the same or the succeeding day, and such motion, if made on the same day shall (except in the last week of the session) be placed first in the orders of the next day after that on which it is made; but if first moved on such succeeding day, it shall be forthwith considered: *provided, however*, that a motion to reconsider a vote upon any incidental or subsidiary question, shall not remove the main subject under consideration from before the House, but shall be considered at the time when it is made.

69. When a motion for reconsideration is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be twice reconsidered; nor shall any vote be reconsidered upon either of the following motions:

- to adjourn,
- to lay on the table,
- to take from the table; or
- for the previous question.

70. Debate on motions to reconsider shall be limited to thirty minutes, and no member shall occupy more than five minutes.

[For rule requiring the Clerk to retain papers, except, &c., until the right of reconsideration has expired, see Rule 15.]

RULES OF DEBATE.

71. Every member, when about to speak, shall rise and respectfully address the Speaker, shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personality; and shall sit down when he has finished. No member shall speak out of his place without leave of the Speaker.

72. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Speaker shall name the member entitled to the floor, preferring one who rises in his place to one who does not.

73. No member shall interrupt another while speaking, except by rising to call to order.

74. No member shall speak more than once to the prevention of those who have not spoken and desire to speak on the same question, nor more than twice on the same question without leave of the House.

Motions.

75. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker so directs.

76. A motion need not be seconded, and may be withdrawn by the mover if no objection is made.

77. A motion to adjourn shall be always first in order; and that motion, and the motions to lay on the table and to take from the table, shall be decided without debate.

[For application to be excused from voting, to be decided without debate, see Rule 62.]

[For call for yeas and nays, to be decided without debate, see Rule 67.]

[For questions of order arising after the previous question is moved, to be decided without debate, except on appeal, see Rule 81.]

78. When a question is before the House, until it is disposed of, the Speaker shall receive no motion that does not relate to the same, except the motion to adjourn, or some other motion that has precedence either by express rule of the House, or because it is privileged in its nature; and he shall receive no motion relating to the same, except:—

to lay on the table,

See Rule 77, above.

for the previous question,

See Rules 79–84, below.

to close the debate at a specified time,

See Rules 83, 84, below.

to postpone to a time certain,

See Rule 85, below.

to commit (or recommit),

See Rule 86, below.

to amend,

See Rules 87-90, below.

to refer to the next General Court,

or to postpone indefinitely,

See Rule 91, below.

which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged in this rule.

Previous Question.

79. The previous question shall be put in the following form :
“*Shall the main question be now put?*”—and all debate upon the main question shall be suspended until the previous question is decided.

80. On the previous question, not exceeding ten minutes shall be allowed for debate, and that only to give reasons why the main question should not be put, and no member shall speak more than three minutes.

81. All questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question shall be decided without debate, excepting on appeal, and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once without leave of the House.

[See Rule 92.]

82. The adoption of the previous question shall put an end to all debate except as provided in Rule eighty-four, and bring the House to a direct vote upon pending amendments, if any, in their regular order, and then upon the main question.

Motion to Close Debate at a Specified Time.

83. A motion to close the debate at a specified time, shall be put not less than thirty minutes before the time stated.

[See the next rule.]

When the Debate is closed, Ten Minutes allowed, &c.

84. When debate is closed by ordering the previous question, or by a vote to close debate at a specified time, the member in charge of the measure under consideration shall be allowed to speak ten minutes, and may grant to any other member any portion of his time.

Motion to Postpone to a time certain.

85. When a motion is made to postpone to a time certain, and different times are proposed, the question shall first be taken on the most remote time; and the time shall be determined

before the question is put on postponement, which may then be rejected if the House see fit.

Motion to Commit.

86. When a motion is made to commit, and different committees are proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order :—

- a standing committee of the House,
- a select committee of the House,
- a joint standing committee,
- a joint select committee ;

and a subject may be recommitted to the same committee, or to another committee at the pleasure of the House.

Motions to Amend.

87. A motion to amend an amendment may be received, but no amendment in the third degree shall be allowed.

88. No motion or proposition, of a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

89. A question containing two or more propositions, capable of division, shall be divided whenever desired by any member. When a motion to strike out and insert is thus divided, the failure of the motion to strike out shall not preclude amendment ; or, if the motion to strike out prevails, the matter proposed to be inserted shall be open to amendment before the question is taken on inserting it.

90. In filling blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.

Equivalent for Motion to Postpone Indefinitely.

91. A motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill shall be equivalent to a motion to postpone indefinitely.

APPEAL.

92. No appeal from the decision of the Speaker shall be entertained, unless it is seconded ; and no other business shall be in order until the question on the appeal has been disposed of.

[See Rule 81.]

RESOLVES.

93. Such of these Rules and orders as are applicable to bills, whether of the House or of the Senate, shall apply likewise to such Resolves as require the concurrence of the Senate and approval by the Governor, in order to become laws and have force as such. Except in Rule fifty-two, the word "bill" shall be equivalent to the word "resolve" in the same place.

ELECTIONS BY BALLOT.

94. A time shall be assigned for elections by ballot, at least one day previous thereto.

SECRET SESSION.

95. All proceedings in secret session, and matters relating thereto, shall be kept secret until the House removes the injunction of secrecy.

SEATS.

96. (1.) The desk on the right of the Speaker shall be assigned to the use of the Clerk and such persons as he may employ to assist him, and that on the left to the use of the Chairmen of the Committees on Bills in the Third Reading and on Engrossed Bills.

(2.) The seat numbered 25, in the third division, shall be assigned to the use of the senior member of the House, and that numbered 24, in the fourth division, to the use of the oldest member of the House who is not the senior member.

(3.) The seat numbered 11, in the first division, shall be assigned to the use of the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, and that numbered 35, in the sixth division, to the use of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

(4.) The following seats shall be assigned to the use of the monitors:—

Those numbered 30 and 34, in the first division;
100 and 104, in the second division;
96 and 99, in the third division;
92 and 95, in the fourth division;
87 and 91, in the fifth division; and
15 and 19, in the sixth division.

(5.) The first business in order on the day next succeeding

the day on which the appointment of standing committees and monitors is announced by the Speaker, shall be the drawing of the other seats upon the floor of the House.

(6.) The Clerk shall call the roll of the members in alphabetical order, omitting the names of the Speaker, the senior member, the oldest member, the chairmen of committees herein before mentioned, and the monitors; and the drawing shall be had in presence of the House, under the supervision of a committee of three selected from the members mentioned in this paragraph.

(7.) The seat assigned to any member, or drawn by him, shall be his seat for the year, unless an exchange is made and notice thereof given to the Sergeant-at-Arms within ten days from the day of the drawing.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.

97. (1.) Every member shall have the privilege of introducing upon the floor of the House, to occupy (for that day) any seat then vacant not belonging to a member, or belonging to a member who is absent, not more than one person at the same time, such person not having any private interest in any measure before the legislature distinct from the public interest: *provided*, that in any case when by the exercise of this privilege on the part of some of the members, the vacant seats have been filled, and the Speaker so announces, the further exercise of the privilege shall be suspended for that day, or until one or more of the seats thus filled are vacated.

(2.) The Speaker may also invite visitors, not inhabitants of this Commonwealth, without limit of number, to seats (not numbered) upon the floor of the House.

(3.) Contestants for seats in the House whose papers are in the hands of the Committee on Elections, may be admitted while their cases are pending, to seats to be assigned by the Speaker.

(4.) Senators, and the principal officers* in the Executive and Judicial departments of the Civil Government of the Commonwealth, the Chaplains of both Houses and the Clerk of the Senate, shall be admitted to the floor whenever they may have occasion to visit the House, and may occupy any of the seats not numbered which they may find vacant, or any seats which may be assigned by the Speaker for their use for the time being.

* See list in the Blue-book.

REPRESENTATIVES' CHAMBER.

98. The use of the Representatives' Chamber shall not be granted except by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.

CUSHING'S MANUAL.

99. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Cushing's Manual, shall govern the House in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these Rules and Orders, or the Joint Rules and orders of the two branches.

SUSPENSION, AMENDMENT, AND REPEAL.

100. Nothing in these Rules and Orders shall be dispensed with, altered or repealed, unless two-thirds of the members present consent thereto; but this rule and rules thirty-nine, forty-eight and ninety-eight shall not be suspended, unless by unanimous consent of the members present.

Blanks for orders, bills, reports, petitions and indorsement of petitions, may be had on application to the Clerk, or at the document-room, and members are respectfully requested to use the same in the preparation of papers.

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JOINT RULES AND ORDERS

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T W O B R A N C H E S .

RULE 1. List of joint standing committees—No member of either House to act as counsel before any committee.

RULE 2. Joint committees; how they may report—How their reports shall be written.

RULE 3. Reports of joint committees may be recommitted by either House, except, &c.—All reports, after recommitment, to be made to the House which ordered the same.

RULE 4. Reports of joint committees on subjects referred to them from standing committees of either branch, to be made in the House where such reference is made.

RULE 5. Clerk to indorse amendments made in reports of joint committees over signature of chairman or member of committee.

RULE 6. Report, leave to withdraw; to be made on petitions for legislation, which can be secured under general laws.

RULE 7. Papers on their passage to be under the signature of the Clerks, except, &c.—Messages.

RULE 8. Engrossed bills and bills ordered to be engrossed.

RULE 9. Notice of bills, &c., rejected to be sent to the other branch.

RULE 10. Bills that have passed to be enacted.

RULE 11. Rule 7th, concerning bills, to be applied also to Resolves.

RULE 12. Resolves proposing amendments to the Constitution.

RULE 13. President of the Senate to preside in Conventions—Conventions to be held in the Representatives' Chamber—Clerk of the Senate to be Clerk of.

RULE 14. An agreement to go into a Convention not to be altered or annulled, unless, &c.

RULE 15. Restriction as to business of Conventions.

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RULE 1. The following Joint Standing Committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the January session, viz.:—

- A Committee on Agriculture ;
- A Committee on Banks and Banking ;
- A Committee on Claims ;
- A Committee on Education ;
- A Committee on Expenditures ;
- A Committee on Federal Relations ;

- A Committee on the Fisheries ;
- A Committee on Harbors ;
- A Committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad ;
- A Committee on Horse Railways ;
- A Committee on Insurance ;
- A Committee on the Library ;
- A Committee on Manufactures ;
- A Committee on Mercantile Affairs ;
- A Committee on Military Affairs ;
- A Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies ;
- A Committee on Prisons ;
- A Committee on Public Charitable Institutions ;
- A Committee on Public Lands ;
- A Committee on Railways ;
- A Committee on Roads and Bridges ;
- A Committee on the State House ;
- A Committee on Towns ;
- A Committee on Water-Supply and Drainage ;

And each of said committees shall consist of two on the part of the Senate, and five on the part of the House, except the Committee on Mercantile Affairs, the Committee on Prisons, the Committee on Water-Supply and Drainage, the Committee on Harbors, the Committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, the Committee on Railways, and the Committee on Horse Railways, which shall each consist of three members on the part of the Senate, and eight members on the part of the House ; and except the Committee on the Library, which, by law, is to consist of three on the part of each House ; and except the Committee on Expenditures, which shall consist of the Committee on the Treasury of the Senate, and the Committee on Finance of the House. No member of either House shall act as counsel for any party before any committee of the legislature.

RULE 2. The Joint Committees of the two Houses may report by bill, resolve or otherwise to either House, at their discretion ; and all bills and resolves reported by them shall be written in a fair, legible hand, without interlineation, on not less than a sheet of paper, with suitable margins, and spaces between the several sections or resolves.

RULE 3. Reports of Joint Committees may be recommitted

to the same committees at the pleasure of the House first acting thereon, without asking the concurrence of the other branch; and bills or resolves which have been previously acted on in one branch may be recommitted in the other without a concurrent vote, except when recommitted with instructions: *provided*, that, after such recommitment, report shall, in all cases, be made to the branch which shall have ordered such recommitment.

RULE 4. Whenever a report is made from any committee to either House, and the subject-matter thereof is subsequently referred therein to a Joint Committee, such committee shall report its action to the branch in which the original report was made.

RULE 5. If any part of the report of a committee over the signature of the chairman or members of the committee is amended in either branch, the Clerk of that branch shall indorse upon the report such amendment.

RULE 6. Whenever upon any application for an Act of incorporation, or other special legislation, the purpose for which such legislation is sought can be secured under general laws, the committee to which the matter is referred shall, in all cases, report "leave to withdraw," or "inexpedient to legislate."

RULE 7. All papers, while on their passage between the two Houses, may be under the signature of the respective Clerks, except bills and resolves in their last stage. Messages may be sent by such persons as each House may direct.

RULE 8. After bills shall have passed both Houses to be engrossed, they shall be in the charge of the Clerks of the two Houses, who shall deliver the same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to be engrossed in the manner prescribed by law; and when engrossed, the said Clerks shall forthwith deliver the same to the Committee of the House of Representatives on Engrossed Bills; and when the same shall have passed to be enacted in that House, they shall in like manner be delivered to the Committee of the Senate on Engrossed Bills.

RULE 9. If any bill, resolve or order, originating in one branch, is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given, under the signature of the Clerk, to the branch in which the same originated.

RULE 10. The Clerk of the House in which a bill originated shall make an indorsement thereon, certifying in which House

the same originated, which indorsement shall be entered on the Journals by the Clerks respectively.

After said bills shall have passed both Houses to be enacted, the Clerk of the Senate shall lay them before the Governor for his approbation, and shall enter upon the journal of the Senate the day on which the same were laid before the Governor.

RULE 11. All resolves and other papers, which are to be presented to the Governor for his approbation, shall be laid before him in the same manner as is prescribed in the case of bills.

RULE 12. All resolves proposing amendments of the Constitution shall have three several readings in each House, and the final question upon adopting the same shall be taken by yeas and nays.

RULE 13. The President of the Senate shall preside in Conventions of the two branches; and such Conventions shall be holden in the Representatives' Chamber; and the Clerk of the Senate shall be Clerk of the Convention.

RULE 14. When an agreement has been made by the two branches to go into Convention, such agreement shall not be altered or annulled, except by concurrent vote.

RULE 15. No business shall be entered on, in Convention, other than that which may be agreed on before the Convention is formed.

RULE 16. In all elections by joint ballot, a time shall be assigned therefor at least one day previous to such election.

RULE 17. Committees of Conference shall consist of three members on the part of each House, representing its vote; and their report, if agreed to by a majority of each committee, shall be made to the branch, asking the Conference, and may be either accepted or rejected; but no other action shall be had, except through a new Committee of Conference.

RULE 18. Joint Committees shall make final report upon all matters previously referred to them, on or before the twenty-second day of March, unless further time is granted for cause.

RULE 19. No bill or resolve affecting the rights of individuals, or private or municipal corporations, or the Commonwealth, shall be reported to the legislature by any committee, unless it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the committee that notice has been given in the manner provided by law; or unless such notice as the committee shall direct shall have to be given, and proper proof of the same placed before the committee; or

unless, in the judgment of the committee, no notice to the parties or the public is necessary.

RULE 20. All petitions, memorials and applications embraced in the provisions of chapter 2 of the General Statutes, and chapter 91 of the Acts of the year 1862, which shall be presented after the twenty-second day of February, shall be referred to the next General Court. This rule shall not be rescinded, amended or suspended, except by a concurrent vote of four-fifths of the members of each House present and voting thereon.

RULE 21. The Committee on Printing shall act as a Joint Committee in cases requiring joint action; and as such may make regulations for the distribution of all documents printed or assigned for the use of the legislature not otherwise disposed of, such regulations to be reported to and subject to the order of the two branches.

Under the general order to print a report, bill or other document, the number printed shall be eight hundred, with the exception of the Governor's Inaugural Address, of which three thousand copies may be printed without special order. Either branch, by special order, may direct a larger number than eight hundred copies to be printed, which order shall be referred to the Committee on Printing, who may report thereon at any time when the Orders of the Day are not under consideration.

Leave to report in print shall not be construed to authorize the printing of extended reports of evidence.

No binding or engraving shall be ordered, except upon the report of the Joint Committee on Printing, accepted by the legislature.

Bills, reports and other documents, printed under the general order of either House, shall be distributed as follows, to wit: Two copies to each member of the Senate and House of Representatives (to be placed on his file under the direction of the Sergeant-at-Arms, if desired by the member); three copies to each Clerk in either branch, and three copies to each reporter in regular attendance, to whom a seat has been assigned in either branch; twenty copies to the Executive; twenty copies to the Secretary's Office; six copies to the State Library; and when the document is the report of a committee, ten copies shall be assigned to the committee making the report. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve as many as may be necessary for the permanent files to be placed in the lobbies, and distribute the remainder under such regulations as may be prescribed by said Joint Committee.

[No. 5.]

QUESTIONS OF ORDER.

[The figures in the following paragraphs refer to the page of the Journal on which the question and decision, with a statement of the grounds of the decision, are entered.]

That a motion to reconsider may be postponed, and need not be at once considered. 23.

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That if an amendment be made at one stage of a bill, inserting certain words, the same words, or any part of them, may be stricken out by amendment at a subsequent stage, without reconsideration of the first amendment. 246.

That the 18th rule of the House applies only to the Representatives' Chamber. 313.

That it was incompetent, under the 47th rule of the House, for the committee on Education to report a bill "to amend chapters 262 and 279 of the Acts of 1873, relating to truancy and school attendance," a report, leave to withdraw, on a petition asking for the same thing, having been made by the committee on the Judiciary and accepted by the House; and therefore the petition, and the measure contemplated by it, had been finally rejected. 349.

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That it was too late to raise the objection that a proposed amendment to a bill was not germane to the bill, after the consideration of the amendment had occupied the attention of the House a portion of two sessions. 367.

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That the House having refused to strike out a certain clause in a bill, the same could not be subsequently amended at the same stage of the bill. 499.

That it is not competent for the House to suspend the principles of general parliamentary law. 499.

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That a private or special bill cannot be changed to a general bill by amendment. 513.

That while a quorum may not have voted on a given question, though a quorum is in fact present, a second division of the House cannot be claimed as of right. 564.

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THE OATH OF OFFICE.

[See page 4.]

I, (repeating your name,) do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *So help me, God.*

I, do solemnly swear and affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a Representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *So help me, God.*

I, do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States. *So help me, God.*

A F F I R M A T I O N .

I, (repeating your name,) do solemnly affirm, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

I, do solemnly affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as a Representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

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